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# Mr Begin flying to Christmas Day meeting in Egypt

Mr Begin and President Sadat are journey home today for talks with to meet on the Suez Canal on Mr Callaghan at Chequers. In Christmas Day to continue their Cairo, Mr Heikal, the former Ininitiative for a Middle East peace. The Israeli Prime Minister, who has been discussing his peace terms with President Carter, is interrupting his out general Arab consent.

formation Minister, told "The Times" that Mr Sadat risked making a cardboard peace" with-

Mr Begin evidently wants to keep the French Government fully informed of his plans, and Mr Callaghan suggested it would be easier if a French

would be easier if a French representative came over to Chequers. Accordingly Mr Begin will see M Poncet separately, after his talks with the Prime Minister.

Mr Begin's readiness to come to London, despite all his other commitments and the extra physical effort involved, shows not merely that Angle Irasel.

attempts to negotiate a semie-ment has been somewhat less

# Stopover for talks at Chequers

Cairo, Dec. 19
Mr. Began, the Israeli Prime
Minister, is to visit Egypt on
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tonight. He is to land at Aby Swer sirport near the Suez canal and will be taken from there by hellcopter to Ismailia where President Sadst will entertain

his rest-house on the He des Chevaliers in the canal. Mr Sadat has spent most of his free time this autumn at the Ismailia rest-house, and felow rhere again today after seeing Mr Hermann Eits, the American Ambassador to Egypt, who gave him a message from Presi-

It is assumed that this con-cerned the six-point peace plan, hich Mr Begin discussed at again with Mr Carter in Washigion before revealing the main nes of it on American tele-

The peace plan will, of course, ty talks, and the fact that Mr egin is coming on Sunday can taken as a sign that Mr dat is accepting the plan as a ris for discussion, if not

Egypt has so far refrained from any official comment on the plan. Officials will only say that the proposals have not yet hen received. But Dr Esmathdul Meguid, leader of the Egyptian delegation at the Cairo preparatory conference, gave a withdrawal from the occupied

plan apparently envisages requisively troops remaining in the d'Es West Bank, East Jerusalem and Chesthe Gaza strip indefinitely has Jean the Gaza strip indefinitely has been the main focus of criticism of the plan—unofficial in Egypt, but official in other parts of the Arab world, including Jordan.

Mr. Begin and President Sadat are to give a joint press conference at the end of their talks the announcement said.

Begin spending the night in

Egypt. Mr Sadat himself said Mr Sadat himself said on Saturday that it would be a "working visit" and "rather short", as opposed to the occasion when Mr Begin could expect a popular welcome comparable to the one he himself received when he visited Israel last month. That is evidently being reserved until there is further progress towards a peace agreement.

further progress towards a peace agreement. The Cairo preparatory conference meanwhile is clearly marking time. Its meeting today lasted less than an hour—long enough to approve the progress made by the legal committee (composed of two Egyptians and one Israeli) in procedural questions, and to instruct it to carry on and report to another full meeting on Wednesday.

Our Diplomatic Correspondent writes: Mr Begin is breaking his lourney home after his talks lashan. He arrives at Heathrow this morning and will go on by helicopter to Chequers, where he stayed on his official visit

from the occupied a formight ago.

An ansual feature of this that Mr Begin's meeting is that, at Mr Begin's

### Saudis are confident of oil price freeze

Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec), now meeting in Caracas, according to Shaikh Yamani, the saccording to Shaikh Yamani, the Saudi Arabian Oil Minister. But he predicts that the western world must expect the price of oil in 10 years time to be much higher than it is today.

In an exclusive interview with Hans Baumann published today by the four Europa newspapers, The Times, Le Monde, La Stampa and Die Welt. Shaikh Yamani sers out

Welt, Shaikh Yamani sers our his views on energy policy with clarity and candour.

Question: You, Excellency, are considered by the Western world to be the man who understands our economic problems and who, in consequence, argues and who, in consequence, argues for a policy of reasonable oil prices. Can the industrial nations proceed on the assumption that you will also assume this attitude at the Opec conference in Caracas on December 20.2

be based on our concern with the Western economy and there-fore we shall ask for a freeze

Q: Can you roughly tell us by how much the oil price will be Q: Do you believe that an in-crease in oil prices ranging to 15 per cent (which is the average inflation rate in the Western countries) could be borne by the oil consumer constries?

physical calori involves, and not merely that Anglo-Israel relations are on a new course, but that be values British support in following up President Sadar's peace initiative. He is also making a sesture towards Paris, where eminusiasm for his Commission of the commission of the world economy actually permit an increase in oil prices, per-Reports from Washington suggest that President Carter's approval of Mr Begin's latest plans is not total, though they are felt to go in the right direction. The feeling is that in order to satisfy Saudi Arabia and Jordan, the Israel Government may have to go further than it has indicated up to now. Britain has indicated up to now. haps from Jenuary 1, 1978, or do you see the danger of certain Opec countries scientiating sales by concealed price reductions which as a consequence, would quickly absorb the price increase? increase? A: In the present marketing

situation, there is a slight sur plus in the method of sales. We plus in the method of sales. We certainly recognize this fact.

Q: Do you think it is possible that different oil prices will be agreed upon, so that the rich industrial nations will have to pay more in favour of the poorer developing countries?

A: We always insist on a single price for everybody and then by to help the developing countries through loans and financial assistance.

O: The price of Gulf oil lies.

lished cordial relations with Mr Begin, is in a good position to lend a sympathetic ear and offer, if the opportunity arises,

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(b) The status of the world economy; (c) To what extent other sources (c) To wast extent other sources
of energy could be utilized;
(d) The number of new oil
fields discovered by that time;
(e) The level of production in
Saudi Arabia.

Saudi Arabia.

Q: Cartels are only meintainable when the offered goods are well under control and therefore in the position to fix prices by supply and demand. But at present the world has an energy surplus. Don't you think that the existence of Opec will be endangered by this?

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A survivor from the Swiss airliner that crashed off Madeira on Sunday is carried into hospital in Funchal. Report, page 4.

# Cabinet-TUC accord on wealth tax move in the next Parliament

By Paul Routledge Labour Editor

Cabinet ministers agreed with trade union leaders yesterday on a legislative programme to introduce a £500m a year wealth tax after the adoption of a feasibility study on getting

extra revenue from the rich.
Mr Callaghan was present at
a meeting of the TUC-Labour a meeting of the TUC-Labour Party liaison committee, which manimously adopted a confidential policy paper proposing that "work should be set in hand immediately on a White Paper and draft clauses with the clear intention to legislate in the first session of a new Parliament".

Cabinet ministers present at

the talks at Transport House, concurred with the document's argument. The Prime Minister is understood to have said that is understood to have said that a wealth tax would go a long way towards redressing the tax system in favour of those who have to work for a living.

Mr Barnett, chief secretary to the Treasury, introduced the paper, which was drawn up by a joint working party of trade unionists and politicians. He said a White Paper should appear as soon as possible, and intimated that if a general election intervened the wealth tax would reappear in detailed

would reappear in detailed form in Labour's manifesto. The document now goes for-ward for formal endorsement by Labour's national executive and the TUC General Council tomorrow. It proposes a tax of 1 per cent a year on wealth starting at a threshold of £100,000 and rising by stages to 5 per cent on assets exceeding.

5 per cent on assets exceeding It recognizes that some wealthy people will have to dispose of part of their estates to pay taxes. The money produced should be used to expand public spending on the social services and education, and in ndustry through the National

Enterprise Board. The document opens by saying: "A comprehensive capital taxation system can gradually and steadily help reduce the considerable social inequalities

arising from the heavy concentration of wealth ownership in the hands of a small number of wealthy individuals and families."

that an annual wealth tax could become "an important and United Kingdom tax system. It defines wealth as "marketable assets", thereby excluding pen-

By adopting a high initial threshold, Labour's policy-makers believe they will exclude most owner-occupiers, even if they own their homes ourright and have some other forms of wealth.

The document recommends that the wealth of the husband, wife and children should be aggregated for the purpose of the tax. But the tax "ought not to damage productive enterprise or public enjoyment of works of art such as paintings, or buildings commonly described as part of the national heritage."

A concession is proposed for A concession is proposed for small businesses, where it is suggested that relief of up to half in valuation for the wealth tax, similar to that allowed for capital transfer tax, should be given. Working farms would also be included in that concession. cession.

Owners of country houses would be liable to the wealth tax, but could gain full relief if they agreed to reasonable public access.

Our Political writes: Labour left-wingers will view sceptically the reaffirmation of the commitment to a wealth tax. The October 1974 manifesto stated unambiguously: "The next Labour government will introduce an annual tax on wealth above £100,000". But, once in office, Labour has lost heart.

The Conservetives have said that the level of taxation is so barsh that the nations' heritage is threatened. If a wealth tax writes: Labour left-wingers will

is threatened. If a wealth tax was imposed in addition to

### Mr Heikal sees trouble in pact without Arab consent

sed today by Mr Muhammad Hasanain Heikal, the former editor of El Ahram and confithe late President He said that peace Nasser. He said that peace reached in these circumstances would be "a weak fabric, a

Mr Herkal was close to Presi-Mr Heikal was close to President Sadat in the early years of his presidency but after the 1973 war, he expressed disagreement with the strategy of relying exclusively on American mediation in the conflict with israel and accepting interim litrael and accepting interim hillsteral agreements instead of probal and permanent solution to the conflict.

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As a result he was dismissed was himself a strong supporter

In giving an interview to The Times today Mr Heikal said he knew this would provoke a further campaign against him. "After the second day I will be accused of being an agent of Moscow." The official reaction might swen so further than might even go further than accusations in the press, he said, and I don't mind this being

Warning of constant of all of a peaceful settlement in the in the oil prices in 1980 and a few on the same of a peaceful settlement in the in the oil prices in 1980 and a few on the constant of a peaceful settlement in the in the oil prices in 1990. How mot necessarity oppose President since been able to express his side Egypt.

Sadar's visit to Israel as such intervals will depend on various factors such as:

of peace thrown in the Israeli (a) The success of the consumer in conservation:

or peace in two in the courtyard."

E., he said, " this was turned into a state visit, and then the state visit, got the dynamics of normalization. The Cairo conference came after that to consolidate this process. The coming Begin visit is obviously consolidating it more and

Meanwhile Egypt was no longer on speaking terms with the Rejectionist Arab states, and "I don't think we are in fruitful communication with the Support states

Mr. Heikal said he felt a
better approach would have Economics Correspondent
Government hopes of holding the increase in earnings to 10 per cent were dealt a blow yesterday by figures from the

yesterday by figures from the 30 Der care in the motor This was fif spice of the fact than workers held back from settling their pay claims in the bope of obtaining bigger rises as the trend of settlements becomes clearer. The October figures must be treated cautiously, but they show a bigger rise than expected.

Even more disturbing for the Government is the fact that of the month, only 7 per cent of all workers had settled compared to 30 per cent during the same period last year.

The settlements have been notified to the Government, no major westerday by local authority

te the Government, no major group has settled for significantly less than 10 per cent. Because of the effect of extra Because of the citet of extra
payments causing "wage
drift" the Chancellor made it
clear in July that the average
level of settlements, as distinct
from increases in average extra
ings, would have to be around 5
to 6 per cent during the present
pay round if the Government's
target was to be met.

Officials at the Department

On this basis they claim that

Earnings rise higher than 10 pc guideline

yesterday by local authority manual workers, who have accepted an offer worth just accepted an otter worth just over 10 per cent means that around 15 per cent of all workers have accepted an offer compared with 30 per cent by this time last year (Report, page 2).

Since relatively few formal settlements were notified dur-ing October, there must have been a significant increase in

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of perment which does not show up in the official settle-ments figures, such as produc-tivity increases. overtime or some ne firms have negotiated

productivity agreements with their workers as a way of pey-ing them increases at a time when major settlements, which are supposed to be separated by a 12 month period, are not allowed.

Such increases are allowed Such increases are anowed under the policy as long as they represent a genuine increase in productivity with no increase in total costs, but there is as yet no evidence on which to judge whether the

increases which are being paid are in fact justified by greater What is clear, however,

suggest that the pay policy is coming under most severe strain in relatively profitable industries, with less prosperous or less unionized activities such as retailing having slightly leaser sertiuments. lower settlements.

There may also be some success in holding the line on

For the second month running, the Department of Employment has published two indicators of the way in which average earnings are moving.
The older one, which provides
the best guide at the moment
to the way in which earnings are changing over the short-term, has risen by 9.5 per cent in the year to October; the new series, which covers 10 million workers instead of the six million covered by the old series has risen by 8.7 per cent.

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# Fog drastically reduces Heathrow airport flights

Visibility was down to 100 vards at Heathrow by early afternoon and there were only

two incoming and 52 outgoing flights. British Airways diverted long-distance flights to Brussels, Stansted and Man-chester, and their shuttle service to Birmingham and

But despite the cricellations Concorde eventually took off for Washington last night. The

More delays caused by the fog, which drastically reduced services in and out of Heathrow airport, London, yesterday, are expected today.

The meteorological office said the blanket of fog will continue to envelope eastern countries today and may spread to the west.

The RAC reported up to 15

south-east England, where visibility was down to five yards along the Thames.

The RAC reported up to 15 miles of traffic jams on roads into London. The worst, 12 miles long, was on the M1 after two accidents. There were more jams on the All after two accidents at Harlow, Essex, in one of which a meat lorry over-

making driving treacherous throughout the home and east-ern counties, especially on

### Continued on page 4, col 5 Guerrillas carry out daring night attack on big Rhodesian military base

The Military Command said here tenight that one black soldier was killed and six white soldiers injured in a rocket, mortar and small-arms attack on the Grand Reef Air Force base on Saturday night. communiqué said:

The communique said:
"Minor damage was caused to
Security Force buildings, and
in follow-up operations large
quantities of terrorist arms and The AA said the fog was equipment were seized."

Military "sources said the

nationalist guerrillas, in one of a construction and in five their boldest operations in five after the start of a mortar from Zambia on the tourist resort of Victoria Falls. Several lornes were destroyed by the attack force of about the Mikitary Command said.—AP and UPL

Lusaka: The headquarters here of Mr Joshua. Nkomo's wing of a tie Rhodesian guerrilla movement was attacked with small le arms, rockets and explosives early today, but there were no casualties and damage was

A spokesman at the head-quarters, which is situated in a residential area of Lusaka, blamed Rhodesia for the attack. Lusaka is about 60 miles from the Rhodesian border.—Reuter,

Dar es Salsam: The African countries most directly affected by the Rhodesian conflict issued a communique today which was seen by observers as a firm invitation to Britain and United States not to back Ian Smith's "internal." lement attempt

The communiqué came after a "frontline" summit yester-day in Beira, attended by the leaders of Tanzania, Mozambique, Zambia and Angola, as well as the nationalist leaders, Mr Nkomo and Mr Robert Mugabe of the Patriotic Front. The communique indicated the concern of the frontline states to see the transfer of power in Rhodesia achieved through negotiations with Britain.—Agence France-Presse.

### Ban lifted on TV film of sugar workers By a Staff Reporter

by a Starr Reporter

A High Court injunction restraining ATV from showing a documentary film featuring workers on a South African sugar estate was lifted yesterday, after a private hearing before Mr Roy Beldam, OC, a deouty judge. deputy judge.

Tate and Lyle, the sugar refiners, were granted the in-junction last Wednesday, only hours before the film was due to be shown.

Tate and Lyle said last night Tate and Lyte said has ingui-that it would not appeal. A rep-resentative added: "If the pro-gramme is broadcast in its-present form on Wednesday night we propose to issue pro-ceeding for damages for libel forthwith."

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### Ulster sees a lessening of terrorism

Official figures show that most forms of terrorist violence in Northern Ireland since 1970, Army casualties, with 15 soldiers killed, are one of the few cate-Forest to rise during the past 12 months. Violent deaths so far this year rotal 111, compared with 296 last year and 482 in 1972. Explosions total 329, compared with 766 last year and 1,382 in 1972. Page 3

### Pound has a good day against the dollar

The pound rose by nearly two cents to close at \$1.8735, sterling's highest rate against the dollar since April last year. Despite thin trading, sterling also rose against other currencies, the effective against other currencies, the effective cachange rate of 64.1 per cent of its 1971 parity being the highest recorded since the beginning of November Page 13

### Bonus ban at pit stops overtime

Miners at Solsgirth colliery, near Dunfermline, began to work to rule and banned overtime after the Scottish area of the National Union of Mineworkers had reaffirmed that productivity deals should be on an area basis and not negotiated by individual collieries. The miners say an area agreement would give them only £5 a week against £30 on a local basis Page 2

# Luxury food burnt

Fauchon, the luxury food shop in the Place Fauchon, the luxury tood snop in the riace de la Madeleine in Paris, had all five floors of its building destroyed by fire after early merning explosions. It is thought likely that its display of the choicest food, wines and spirits had provoked left-wing extremists Page 3.

# Miller misses century

The first Test between England and Pakistan in Lahore ended in a draw. England were all out for 288 in their first innings, 119 behind. Miller missed a maiden firstclass century when he ran out of partners on 98. Pakistan were 106 for three at the John Woodcock, page 6

### Mr Lynch named in **Fraser Cabinet**

Mr Phillip Lynch, who resigned as Australian Treasurer on the eve of the recent general election campaign after a controversy over land deals, has made a political comeback. He was appointed to Mr Malcolm Fraser's new Cabinet and reelected deputy leader of the Liberal Parts Page 5 Page 5

### ATV in Tussaud's bid Lord Grade's Associated Television Cor-

poration has made a £11.6m bid for Madame Tussaud's, the London warworks museum. The bid is 10p a share higher than that from S. Pearson & Son, which was rejected last month. There was no immediate response by Tussaud's to the new bid Page 13 Drink-drive campaign: The Government is to spend nearly £1m before the end of

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# Miners stop overtime in protest at ban on output deal

last night after responding angrily to the rejection by the Scottish area of the National Union of Mineworkers of their Union of Mineworkers of their High Court bearing today into demand for a local productivity an application for an injunction

At a pithead meeting of the back shift and night shift yesterday the men decided to take immediate action. By early evening production from the pit, which had broken national and European productivity records, had fallen from about 1500 tons to 60 tons as a result ,500 tons to 60 tons as a result

of the action.

Earlier in the day the Scot-Earlier in the day the Scottish executive of the NUM
unanimously reaffirmed union
policy that productivity agreements should be on a Scottish
area basis. The Solsgirth men
calculate that that would mean
an extra £5 a week instead of
an extra £30 in a local productivity deal.

More than 700 men ended a

More than 700 men ended a four-day strike on Sunday after Mr Michael McGahey, Scottish urea president of the NUM, had oureed to put their case for a local productivity scheme to

the union executive.

Mr McGahey said yesterday
that a delegate conference will
be held on Wednesday of next week when representatives from the 26 branches in the Scottish area will discuss the crisis. A statement after the meeting resterday said the executive had decided to protest about the National Coal Board's local management entering into productivity schemes and about local managements sponsoring

The executive remain con-winced that local schemes would be divisive. It appealed to the

### Peace talks as bread queues grow

By Our Labour Staff Bakery workers and em-players will hold peace talks to day under an independent chair-man appointed by the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas).

The workers' overtime ban is beginning to bite in most areas and is worsened by panic buying. There were queues at ing. There were queues at many shops yesterday, including one that started outside a London bakery at 4 am. Private bakeries where there are no Even if there is agreement a national ballot by the Bakers, Food and Allied Workers' Union would be necessary to call off. would be necessary to call off the action. That means the dis-pute will last over Christmas. A ban on overtime has a disproportionate effect on the in-dustry because many bukeries use overtime to link the ending of one shift and the beginring of another. Where the link is broken, production has to shut down and start again from scratch.

Heathrow Tube delay London's new Underground link to Heathrow was disrupted for 45 minutes yesterday after a signal failure on the final section opened by the Queen

Dunfermine

Miners at Solsgirth colliery, which is to press for a policy, which is to press for a pay deal giving face workers the miners and overtime ban last night after responding

Rouald Kershaw writes from Barnsley: The outcome of a to stop area productivity schemes will determine the action to be taken by Yorkshire area council of the NUM.

If the application, signed by the Yorkshire, Kent and South Wales areas of the union, fails then a ballot of Yorkshire mem-bers will be held to discover whether they are opposed to the introduction of incentive the introduction of incentive schemes on an area basis.

Mr Arthur Scargill, Yorkshire miners' president, said the area council meeting had taken steps to "reaffirm the (recent) individual ballor vote of members in the Yorkshire area against the principle of incentive schemes and to demand that the union press for £135 a week for coalface works. fil35 a week for coalface work-ers and appropriate differentials for all other grades in the

for all other grates in the industry.

It also decided to hold an individual ballot so that Yorkshire members could determine whether they agreed to reaffirm their opposition to the introduction of area incentive

schemes.

Mr Scargill said witatever decision the miners agreed in the individual ballot it would be accepted and acted on in a united way.

a united way.

Bonus agreement: The Notringhamshire area of the NUM
concluded negotiations with the
coal board yesterday for an incentive scheme that will cover
33,000 miners (the Press Associ-

# 1m council workers accept 10% By Donald Macintyre Labour Reporter

Labour Reporter

The Fire Brigades Union will pursue its strike over Christmas in a state of isolation that deepened yesterday when leaders of 1,002,000 local authority manual workers accepted a pay offer within government guidelines.

The expected meeting be-tween firemen's leaders and employers did not take place. The local authorities, after weekend consultations with the

earnings to those of the top quarter of skilled industrial workers from November, 1979. Deedlock was reached as the same employers announced that the biggest single group in the public sector, their manual em-ployers, had agreed to their offer, backdated to Novem-ber 5

The Transport and General Workers' Union, the General and Municipal Workers' Union, and the National Union of Pub-lic Employees, agreed to accept a deal that would add about 10 per cent to the £1,534m wage bill for their members em-ployed by local authorities.

The agreement will lift the bottom basic rate from £30 a week to £37.40 and at the top of the scale lifts basic pay from £35.25 to £43.25.

# Social trends, 1: Changes in the 15-25 age group

# 450% rise in unemployed young coloured workers in three years

wealth, health and the environment. Sir Claus Moser, Director of the Central Statistical Office, says the old concept of a statistician "churning out

figures" is out of date; much more

compared with an increase of 130 per cent in the population as a whole.

The latest volume of Social Trends, published today by the Central Statistical Office, shows that by February this year the total number of unemployed coloured workers under 25 had reached 19,000. The group consists of those born in the New Commonwealth of Pakistan, or with one or both parents born

The report holds out little hope of improvement in the employment prospects for young people. Increasingly large numbers of young people are joining the labour force at a time when relatively small num-bers (those born between 1914 and 1918) are retiring, and when more married women are seeking work. Earlier trends of more young

people choosing to stay on after the school-leaving age seem to have ceased. The proportion rose to more than a quarter

Unemployment among young coloured workers rose by 450 per cent between February, 1974, and February, this year 1974, and February, this year social class of darts players and the social class of darts players and the number of industrial accidents in the

number of industrial accidents in the footwear industry. More than 200 emphasis is put on analysis and interpretation, and more of the book is text pretation, and more of the book is text rather than tables. Much effort is also with a concation, employment, income and made to relate information about one cent).

during the 1960s, but there was over 25. But more than half had though in the whole population in the age groups up to about the improvement in the first a paper qualification compared women outweigh men because of 25. After that age the proportion of the state of the contract of the c a paper qualification compared with a fifth of the 60-64-year-old little improvement in the first half of the 1970s.

half of the 1970s.

Although those who choose to stay on at all stages in education are usually the more academically able there has recently been some blurring of the principle, with an increase in the proportion of those with A levels entering employment. That is thought to reflect the feeling that a degree is no longer a passport to a good job. Young people tend to be better qualified but less satisfied with their jobs than the middle aged. Of the 18-24 year-old age group, more than 18 per cent were dissatisfied with their jobs compared with fewer than 18 per cent were dissatisfied with their jobs compared with fewer than 18 per cent were dissatisfied with their jobs compared with fewer than 18 per cent were dissatisfied with their jobs compared with fewer than

jobs compared with fewer than 15 per cent of the population

tion of 16-19-year-olds classified Those figures suggest that qualifications do not necessarily lead to greater job satisfaction. a conclusion borne out by the fact that 14 per cent of male graduates in 1975 said they were rather or very dissatisfied

were rather or very dissatisted with their jobs, compared with 11 per cent of those with no qualifications.

Young people, from 15 to 24, now make up about a seventh of the population, and a higher proportion of them are male or coloured than in the population as a whole. In 1976 there were 5 per cent more men than 5 per cent more men than women in the age group, al-

In the same year the propor-

as coloured was twice as high as the proportion among those aged 20 and more. A larger survey of 16-year-olds in 1974 found that 4 per cent of the sample were non-white, a similar result to the later survey. lar result to the later survey.

The trend towards early marriage, which has continued since before the last war, may have gone into reverse. In 1975, 43 per cent of 21-year-old women were married, but three years earlier the proportion was 46 per cent. Between 1970 and 1975 there were small falls in the proportion of girls marrying

for about 40 per cent. There are about 220 out of a total of 550, compared with 82 out of 255 in 1969 (29 per

area of social policy to that of another.

The number of government statisti-

cians working on social statistics instead of economic statistics has con-

siderably increased, and now account

rose slightly. Nevertheless, trends, three quarters of the girls and more than half the boys aged 16 in 1975 will be married by the time they reach 25. In 1975 the commonest ages 25. In 19/5 the commonest ages for first marriages were 19 years for women and 22 years for men, although the average ages were about 22 and 25 respectively. The year saw a drop in the total number of first marriages.

riages.

Declines in marriage rates have occurred in several other countries in Western Europe. The most extreme instance is Sweden, closely followed by

tial proportion of couples co-habit, and have children, outside marriage.

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Demographers are undecided about how far the decline can be accounted for by later marriage with only small changes in the proportions ultimately marrying. However, marriage rates in the United Kingdom are relatively high, particularly at the younger ages, compared with most other Western Euro-

pean countries.

Despite the wider availability of contraceptive advice, nearly a third of those women who married before the age of 20 in 1976 were pregnant on their wedding day, and a sixth of the legitimate births to the under25s in 1975 had been conceived

before marriage.
Postponement of the first
child is a marked trend among married couples. In 1956 only about half of couples were childless after two years of marriage, but by 1973 that proportion had risen to about three quarters. quarters.

Social Trends, No 8, 1977 (Stationery Office, £6.90). (Next: Incomes

### **UDI** island dwellers win battle for bridge

By Philip Howard Tagg's Island, in the Trames, haif a mile upstream from Hampton court, yesterday de-clared UDI and fought off the clared UDI and fought off the first attempt by authority to cut its hawser to the mainland. The 40 households (or, to be precise, boarloads) living in househoats and cabin cruisers moored to the muddy fringes of the island beat back workmen from Richmond Borough Council who were aying to barricade their bridge with a steel gate. By an entirely English paradox, the urban boat-dwellers are fighting for the right to keep their motor cars on the island. The butterfly bridge of beams and garders, a tank bridge invented 35 years ago and immediately superseded by a more successful rival, the Bailey bridge, was erected during the last war when there was an erms factory on the island.

It is now decayed and notices give warning that no more than one wetches should wanters on

It is now decayed and notices give warning that no more than one vehicle should venture on the bridge at any one time. Through verticinous gaps in the floorboards, the Thames can be seen sliding past like minestrope in a turry. A girl was killed when she fell through it two decided to close it to traffic. It would cost about £20,000 to repair and £10,000 to paint. The council decided that it was not school.

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ably been concealed by mis-

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leading to a failure to prose-

cute, a study of working-class girls in Oxford concludes. The study has uncovered evidence of far more widespread delin-quent behaviour among girls than is conveyed in official

In a lecture to a conference of the British Psychological

crime statistics.



Society in London yesterday, Dr Anne Campbell, of Oxford

University's department of experimental psychology, said official figures showed that boys aged between 14 and 17 committed six offences for

But the new study, in which girls who had not necessarily been convicted reported their

own delinquency to researchers, showed a ratio of

Island Trust, directed operamous from his househoat, the Kjell (pronounced in the local parois, Shell). She does not look seaworthy, but is a trim cube

naudos comforts.

Mr Brahan said: "We all pay heavy rates. The council has a moral if not a legal duty to

with their practicel family duties. Sexual attractiveness and saids' traditionally greater deference towards the police

The survey covered 105 mainly working-class girls, two thirds from secondary schools

Services Association (CPSA). The former is the biggest postal union but in the telecommunica-tion ide is smaller than the CPSA.

The difficulty arises because

Their pirate admiral, Mr maintain our bridge. The only recourse we have left is to go tractor and secretary of Tagg's to law." Meanwhile the islanders are meanwhise the islanders are keeping a 24-hour watch to repel boarders. They had laid in milk, coal, and other ship's chearders' supplies for a long

Transport and General Workers'
Union, about blacking the blocking of the bridge.
Tage's Island is rich in about

shout comedy was invented by Charles Chaplin and others. Yesterday, with a white Thames Valley mist softening hooked as though, if the bridge were cut, Tagg's Island would floet away with its gallant crew like the Flying Dutchman into dreamland. Judge bans naming of

police resided to treer offences by girls as untypical or the product of their environment, and were relating to assertere press at the Central Criminal he must be decayed for their control of their environment, and were relating to assertere press at the Central Criminal he must be decayed for Judge Gillis, QC, baned the Brooks and in their rinterests press at the Central Criminal he must be detained for a sub-Court yesterday from naming Stantial period. Mr Brooks 2 rapist he semenced to Me admitted rape, abducting a rapist he sentenced to life imprisnoment, an other lifted the lan after journalists had

> They had protested to the judge, through court officials, The judge had said women had been in pend from Mr

admitted repe, abducting women, intending sexual assault. The offences were committed a few weeks afer his release from a prison term for rape at knifepoint.

The judge, after reconvening the court, said he had made the anonymity order out of compassion for Mr Brooks's family and because he had relied on submissions about his mosecuting and

powers by prosecuting and defence counsel.

### Japanese concentrate on mental arithmetic

By Our Education

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Correspondent
British children aged 13 and
14 are about three years behind
Japanese children of the same
age in their level of performance in mathematics, according
to tests administered by a BBC
team of inquiry. British children, however, are well ahead of
their German caunterparts in
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mathematics.
The BBC television Man Alive team sent test papers in four subjects to carefully selected comprehensive schools or their equivalents in seven countries to see how our educational standards compared with those in other developed countries. A minimum of 300 children from

menimum of 300 children to be each country took part.

The results of the inquiry, together with a film about the extraordinarily intensive system of education in Japan, will be shown on BBC 2 tonight at 10.10 pm in the Man Alive programme entitled Must Try Harder?

The ecores out of 100 in the

The scores out of 100 in the 90-minute mathematics test in order of merit were: Japan 73, United States 42, France 38, Scotland 35, Denmark 34, England and Wales 34, West Gerrell and casino where knock-

many 24.

The programme suggests that the success of the Javanese children is partly due to the strict discipline in schools, pressure on children from parents, the use of crammers after school hours, and the emphasis placed by schools. phasis placed by schools on mathematics teaching particu-larly mental arithematic. More than one lesson in four for pupils aged 13 and 14 years is in mathematics or science. The Japanese refused to take

part in any of the other three tests in general knowledge. modern languages and general science, so it was impossible to judge how they compared Britain performed poorly on the modern languages translation paper but came out top in science and general knowledge.

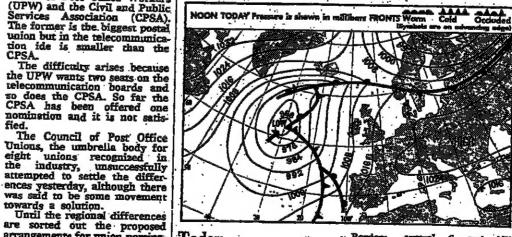
ledge.

Overall, Britain did not do too badly. If the four scores for each paper are averaged out England and Wales come

The conclusion of the gramme is that Britain better than expected.

NOON TODAY

# Weather forecast and recordings



nomination and it is not satisfied.

The Council of Post Office Unions, the umbrella body for eight unions recognized in the industry, unsuccessfully attempted to settle the differences yesterday, although there was said to be some movement towards a solution.

Until the regional differences are sorted out the proposed arrangements for union nominaarrangements for union nomina-tions to the main board will not be completed. The Post Office Management Staffs Association Today 8.3 am 3.53 pm (Pousa) is committed by a con-ference decision to await the completion of the regional 1.18 pm 2.45 am 1.18 pm Full moon: December 25. Lighting ap: 4.23 pm to 7.34 am. Bigh water: London Bridge, 9.19 am; 6.1m (20.1ft); 10.12 pm, 6.4m (20.8ft). Avonmouth, 2.49 am. 10.5m (34.5ft); 3.28 pm, 10.9m (35.7ft). Dover, 6.50 am, 5.7m (18.8ft); 7.38 pm, 5.6m (18.5ft). Hull, 1.33 am, 6.1m (20.0ft); 2.27 pm, 6.0m (19.8ft). Liverpool, 7.21 am, 7.7m (25.2ft); 7.43 pm, 7.9m (25.9ft). arrangements before accepting the main board proopsals.

Aridge of high pressure from an anticyclone over Europe covers the British Isles. Forecasts for 6 a mto midnight

Forecasts for 6 a min midnight:

London, East Angles, E Midlands, SE, E, central N and NE
England: Fog, dense in places,
clearing only slowly and persisting off day in places; wind
variable, mostly SE, light; max
temp 6°C (43°F).

W Midlands, Lake District, showers or longer outbreaks of

Borders, central S. and NW England, Edinburgh, Dundee, Glasgow: Fog patches, dense in places at first, slowly clearing but centaining dull in places, bright intervals elsewhere; wind S. Aght; max temp 72C (45°F). SW England, S Wales, Channel Islands: Mist or fog patches at first, dry, sunny intervals, becoming cloudy; wind SE, light or my cloudy; wind SE, light or 10°C moderate; max temp 8° to 10°C (46° to 50°F).

N Wales, Argyll, SW Scotland,
N Ireland, Isle of Man: A few
mist patches at first, some bill
fog, mostly cloudy, but dry; wind
S, light or moderate; max temp
5°C (48°F).

Aberdeen, central Highlands, Moray Firth, NW, NE Scotland, Orkney: Mostly dry, samey inter-vals; wind SW, moderate or fresh; max temp 8°C (46°F).

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MUDDAY: C.

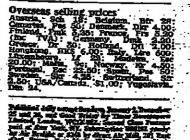


rain spreading E; dry with over-night fog in some E areas at first; temp rather above mormal. Sea passages: S North Sea, Strair of Dover: Wind S, light. Strair of Dover. Wind strain sea smooth.

English Channel (E). Wind SE light or moderate; sea slight. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind S, moderate, increasing fresh; sea slight, becoming moderate.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 6 am to 6 pm, 8°C (46°F); min, 6 pm to 6 am, 5°C (41°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 96 per cent. Rain, 24hr no 6 pm, all. Sun, 24hr no 6 pm, 2.1hr. Barometer, mean sea level, 6 pm, 102°a multipre essate.



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### Post Office unions clash on worker-director seats By Christopher Thomas Labour Reporter Union of Post Office Workers (UPW) and the Civil and Public

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Trade unions in the Post Office are at odds over nomina-tions for regional "worker-director" seats in a two-year experiment in industrial democracy due to begin in less than a fortnight.

It looks as though the dispute will not be resolved in time, despite determined efforts to ensure that the Government's first venture into worker-parti-cipation passes off smoothly. Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, has unsuccessfully tried to mediate.

The trouble centres on the five regional relecommunications boards, which are being reconstituted with five postal boards and a joint Northern Ireland board. Each will have seven worker-directors, seven management members and a maximum of four independent

The set-up on the main board is still not finally resolved. There is a serious possibility that the experiment will not be fully under way on the due date,

Four remanded

on immigration

ban for

plot charge A former Home Office clerk, two Indians and a man from Hongkong were all remanded at Bow Street Magistrates' Court yesterday charged with conspiring with persons un-largement to breach the Immigration Act, 1971.

tion Act, 1971.

Peter Richard Kinnest, aged 33, the clerk, of Rodway Road, Bromley, Greater London, was remanded in custory. George Hungkai Yang, aged 38, a company director, born in Hongkong, of Manor Road, Harrow; Shalkh Armad Ali Kidwai, aged 40, an accountant, of Turner Road, Edgware; and Amwar Ahmed Shalkh, aged 30, a company director, of Rimfield Road, Tooting, were allowed ball. Alt four are due to appear again on December 28.

# Fine and driving year on MP

From Our Correspondent Milton Keynes William Benyon, Conserva-tive MP for Buckingham, was banned from driving for a year and fined a total of £132 by magistrates at Bletchley, yester-day for drink-and-driving

Mr Benyon, of Chalk Pir Estate Englefield, pleaded guilty to speeding and failing to give a breath test and blood

Correction

Mir Dick Taverne is director of the institute for Fiscal Studies; not Physical Studies, as stated in

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# Decrease in violence but more army casualties in Ulster

From Christopher Walker

Official statistics issued to The Times yesterday by British Army headquarters in Northern Feland illustrate a marked overall improvement in the security satuation and show most forms of terrorist violence at their lowest level for any

When the figures are broken down further it is shown that army casualties are one of toe few indicators of violence to that two of the victims were

geometric dividuals and members of the security forces, the 1977 total stands at 624, compared with 1,425 last year and 1,574 in 1972.

The decline in violent incidents has been brought about by a continuing erosion of the strength of the Provisional IRA and a marked drop in violent activities by extreme "loyalist" groups, some of which have groups, some of which have virtually disappeared from active involvement. During 1977 the number of shootings logged by the Army is 1,053, compared with 1,908 last year and 10,628 in 1972

in 1972. The number of explosions has fallen to 329 so far this year, compared with 766 in 1976 and 1,382 in 1972. But any encouragement the Government receives from that figure will be countered by mother illust. be countered by another illustrating a recent change in Provisional IRA tactics. The number of cassette incendiary devices defused in 1977 is 305 with records of a further 281 exploding compared with 89 and 147 respectively last year. The only other category of violent activity to show an in-crease is "knee-capping", the gruesome form of paramilitary discipline particularly favoured by the Provisional IRA. By the end of last week the total for 1977 was 120, compared with

A dramatic fall in the amount A dramatic fall in the amount of unused explosive and ammanition recovered is believed by senior officers to reflect reduced availability and a sharp drop in IRA funds. This year, 5,958lb of explosives have been seized, compared with 37,966lb last year and 61,466lb in 1972. The associat of ammunition discovered in searches has also stands at 51,254 rounds, com-pared with 70,306 in 1976 and a peak of 183,410 in 1972. The

98 last year.

# to debate Liberal strategy

Labour part versus a "more rodical" independent strategy. The Liberal Party leader robustly threw binself into the lebate with party activities in an debate with party activists in an extraordinary meeting on BBC TV's Panorama programme.

eschewing a threat of resigna-tion, Mr Steel made it clear that if the assembly disavows him and calls for a prompt end to the pact, he is likely to consider himself voted out of the leadership. So much was commonsense. "A leader must followers and, if he loses his followers than you'd better get then you'd better get a new leader", he said. He restorated his view that the agreement with Mr Callaghan a new leader", he said. He resterated his view that the agreement with Mr Callaghan should be broken abruptly only if the Government gave into excessive wage demands and respective finited inflation; otherwise it should be subject to proper him, "it was a little late to go should be subject to proper him, "it was notice for laser on. Mr Steel back now".

accepted the risk that for the short term his party's "policies and principles are slightly fudged."

did not end the pact last week

results go unfavourably.

### Detective awarded £20,000 for libel

Mullett was awarded libel damages of £20,000 in the High Court yesterday over a news-paper article on police corrup-

Mr Mullett, aged 40, of Osgood Gerdens, Orpangton, Greecer London, had maintained that elchough he was not named that elchough he was not named he could be identified as one of the officers mentioned in a froot page report headlined "Canghe! A Crooked Cop" in the Sunday People in November, 1974.

The award was against the newspaper and Mr Trevor Aspanal, a crame reporter, who wrote the article. They had decided libel and maintained that the report was true. After yesterday's hearing Mr.
After yesterday's hearing Mr.
Mulleut, who was promoted from detective segment during the seven-day trial, said: "It is a vindication for me and for everyone else. I have been three years waiting for this moment."

Mr Justice Bristow said the newspaper's defence of justification was based on a statement made by "a man who described himself as a tyre distributer, but was an east London professional criminal." professional criminal of the man was Gerald O'Halloran, aged 41, of Crescent Road, Upton Perk. He said Mr Mullett, then a sergeant with the joint Kent and Metropolitan Regional Crime Squad, bad, with enother officer, asked him for bribes of £1,500 to get him best on a theft charge Mr O'Halloran had special reasons for wanting Mr Mullett out of the way. The officer's evidence would have ensured his conviction on the most

his conviction on the most serious charge he was facing at that time: involvement in the theft of a lorry-bad of car-

batteries.

The judge said that, in effect, he had been asked to try 2 charge of corruption brought by the Sunday People asainst thus police officer. Apart from Mr O'Halloran's statement, the only evidence was tape recordings made by Mr Aspinall of telephone conversations between Mr O'Halloversations between Mr O'Hallo ran and the officer named in

In the recordings Mr O'Halloren had mentioned Mr Mullett. But, the judge added, having implicated Mr Mullett in his statement, he had to continue to do so in the telephone calls. "I believe that the story of arranging the bail is a sham ", the judge said. "If the Sunday People had

reinstated after the internal investigation cleared him, then compensation would have been modest, the judge said. But a policy decision was taken, not by Mr Aspinall, to fight the case to the death. Constable King, who had Constable King, who had fixed two corruption charges, was discharged when Mr O'Halloran refused to give evidence at commital proceedings. After internal disciplinary proceedings, he was fined, reprimanded and returned to uniform.

Man in the news: Sir Alfred Ayer's successor

# Philosopher's firm views on race

The announcement that Dr Michael Dummett, a senior research fellow at All Souls College, is to succeed Sir Alfred Ayer as Wykehom Professor of Logic at Oxford University brings into greater prominence a man agreed by his colleagues to be outstanding. Sir Alfred; famous since his Language, Truth and Logic, the first manifesto of logical positivism in Britain, exploded on the intellectual world in 1936 retires at the end of the

1936, retires at the end of the academic year, having held the chair since 1959. Dr Dummett's commitments prevent him from taking over until 1979 a position that involves lecturing two or three times a week.
Of Dr Dummetr's stature as

a pullosopher there seem to be few doubts, even among his colleagues. One described him as "the most original and profound philosopher of his genera-tion working in England". His tion working in England. His most important work so far has been his study of Gottlob Frege (1848 to 1925), a formidable German now accepted in Britain and the United States as the father of modern formal logic and the philosophy of language. Volume one (700 pages long) But perhaps Dr Dummett's most striking attribute has been his passionate involvement in race relations, shared by his race relations, sbared by his wife, Ann. At one stage, before entry certificates, Dr Dummett, then reader in the philosophy of mathematics at Oxford, spent many hours at Heathrow airport helping incoming Asians from being turned back by the immigration authorities.

Report on

upsets NUJ

By a Staff Reporter
The National Union of Journalists (NUJ), in its considered response to the recent report of the Royal Commission on the Press, complains of "a regions lack of sympathy and understanding" of the position of the union. The commission's

of the union; The commission's recommendations would be un-

likely to correct the political imbalance in the press or lead

mbalance in the press or lead to the development of industrial democracy, the union says. The union attacks a paragraph in the report which speaks of highly coloured language by a minority of NUJ members in the classed than issue

closed shop issue
The substance and language

that a vocal minority in the NUJ did not prize the freedom

of the press was " a shameful slur".

press



Dr Dummett: "Original and

How did the son of a fairly (in silk and rayon) educated at Winchester come to the view that Britain is, to an unrecog-nized extent, a racist society?

At his present home in Oxford, Dr Dummett, a plump; rather amusing but occasionally choleric man of 52, explained that it all began in the Army, which he joined for four years in 1943 before going to Christ Church. After learning written languese he found himself fires Japanese, he found himself first in Delhi and then in Malaya, as an NCO on the security side. There he got a clear view of British colonial governments and the people who ran them, and was appalled.

"What most impressed me was that they were founded on an attempt to maintain a myth

By Peter Waymark Motoring Correspondent

The Government is to spend nearly film on the biggest national campaign for 10 years

on drinking and driving. It will

run until the end of February

and be conducted through tele-

vision, the press, cinemas,

hoardings and the backs of

Launching the campaign yes-

terday, Mr Rodgers, Secretary

total spending on road safety

had been involved in accidents

failed the breath test and a third of drivers killed in

accidents had blood alcohol.

The aim of the campaign was

to bring home to people the

hard facts about drinking and driving and to remind them of the consequences of breaking the law. "We want people to

Something of the same diffi-culty in reaching the whole of the second largest county in England with information of

Television and radio .en-

of State for Transport, said

of racial superiority", he re-called. His first involvement came in

the United States, when he went to Berkeley in the mid-1950s on a Harkness fellowship. A few weeks after he arrived a black youth was beaten to death with chains in Mississippi. Back at Oxford, where he be-

came an examination fellow of All Souls, he and his wife set up the Oxford committee for racial integration with Mr Evan

Dr Dumment believes that racial prejudice has been fostered and played on by the two main positical parties and the media.

He sees a link between his views on rate and his deep convictions as a Roman Catholic. He was converted at 18, well before he became a philosopher, and sees faith and logic as in no way murually

exclusive.

It is true, he agrees, that logical positivism in its heyday swept away religion and metaphysics; religion with the axe of the verification principle (which claimed that a statement is meaningful if it is capable of being verification was crude and implausible, and the doctrine was now a part of doctrine was now a part of

The Dummetts have five children, two boys being pop musicians. Traditional jazz is one of Dr Dummett's hobbies. Another is the history of playing cards. He is writing a book about a game played with tarot cards; "in no way occult", he emphasizes with a laugh.

drive", he added.
Mr Rodgers said the Government would ensure that there was a strong legal framework to control the worst abuses. It had accepted the recommendations of the Blennerhassett committee as a basis for extensible.

mittee as a basis for strengthen-ing the law and he forecast new

legislation before the end of the decade. Meanwhile the Govern-

ment was testing instruments

Kent farmhouse

A fourteenth-century farm house was saved from demoli-

tion yesterday when Sir-Douglas Frank, a deputy judge, in the High Court, quashed a ruling of the Secretary of State for the Environment giv-

saved from

demolition

analysing breath samples which the committee proposed should replace the present blood and urine tests.

### WEST EUROPE

# Murder victim's son says Bonn too soft in anti-terrorist fight

Bonn, Dec 19

The West German Government today came under un-welcome psychological pressure from the eldest son of Herr Hanns-Martin Schleyer, the industrialist who was kidnapped and later murdered by terrorists two mouths ago.

In a newspaper interview, Herr Hanns-Eberhard Schleyer, a 33-year-old lawyer, accused the Social Democratic-Free Demo-cratic coalition of failing to take sufficiently energetic action to combat terrorism. He said he feared his father had died in

The father, who was chairman of the West German Industries' Federation, was murdered after the Government refused to release 11 terrorists from jail in exchange for his life. His death is believed to have been pre-cipiered by the rescue at cipitated by the rescue at Mogadishu of the 86 Lufthansa airliner bostages, held by an Arab gang to reinforce the terrorists' demands. His son's remarks injected a

strongly emotive element into the long-drawn debate further anti-terror legislation debate of Herr anhiterror legislation, Herr Hamos-Eberhard Schleyer, whose views are clearly as right-wing as those of the tabloid Bild-Zeitung in which they were printed was reinforcing as no political figure could, the conservative Opposition's demands for ever toucher and more restrictive. tougher and more restrictive

neasures. The Christian Democrats The Christian Democrats recently accused the Government once again with lack of incisiveness and said it must carry the blame if there was another terrorist outrage. Bild quoted a public-opinion poll today which said that 60 per cent of West Germans wanted severely-enforced special laws against terrorism.

severety-entorced special laws against terrorism.

Herr Schmidt, the Chancellor, has maintained, and the coalition agrees, that the Government should not be panicked into a frenzy of hasty and ill-considered legislation. He believes the problem can be solved without restricting constitutional freedoms in the name stitutional freedoms in the name of Ordnams (law and order).

Although new legislation is clearly needed to close loop-holes in a penal code that was not designed for use against

**Luxury Paris food shop** 

lawyers, the left wing is aware of the limited usefulness of legislation.

The Opposition's appear to be prompted by disappointment over its failure to bare a series of measures approved in the parliamentary

iustice committee. The all-party collaboration promised in the emotional after-math of the Schleyer murder and the Mogadishu rescue soon crumbled as it became clear that the two sides simply could not agree on many important

Opposition proposals, including the monitoring of conversations between jailed terrorists and their lawyers, were thrown out. The inclusion of "sympa-thizers", for instance, people who distribute leaflets in favour of terrorists, among those who could be jailed for belonging to a criminal organization was also rejected.

The Eills which will now go on to the Burdestag next month would give wider scope to keep suspected lawyers away from suspected lawyers away from terrorists in just and provide for glass pannelling between lawyer and client to prevent the smuggling of illegal objects into prisons.

They also allow for the estal-They also allow for the establishment of check points for searching people during big terrorist manhunts and allow the police to hold a person who caunot, or will not, identify himself for up to 12 hours while they cause the control of the cause of the they carry out checks.

The Federal Criminal Office

more susperted terrorists to the list of 16 wanted urgently for recent outrager. They are Sieglinde Hotmann, aged 32, Stefan Wisniewski, aged 24, Ruff Friedrich, aged 31, Monika Helbing, aged 26, and Peter Boock, aged 26.

Hofmann, Wisniewski, Friedrich and Boock are all suspected of belonging to the Hang-Mever Lang, a successor of the Badder.

gang, a successor of the Bander-Meinhof group. Monika Helbing is suspected of having collabo-rated with Knut Folkerts, a rer-

rated with Knut rolkerts, a terrorist captured in Holland after
a gunbattle with police.
Only one of the original 16
has been captured: Christoph
Wackernagel, who was badly
wounded after a gunbattle with
the police in Holland.

### "We have got to get over to people that road accidents special brivers Time is account nonsense; the plain fact is that drinking impairs their capability to drive." Skeleton of the building, which of that section of the report publicity was being doubled to more than 54m a year. Apart. Fauchon, the Paris luxury food emporium in the Place de in Medelence, was destroyed by fire today after one or more explosions. The police refuse to commit themselves about the laboratory tests the report with a reactionary trian and motor cycle safety. responsive organization, while highly coloured language wa Mr Rodgers said that last Mr Rodgers was speaking in Eltham High Street from a road safety caravan devised by the London borough of Greenwich. It takes the form of a mock public bouse where the public can take a breath test year nearly 12,000 drivers who an accepted feature of popular journalism. The imputation

£1m campaign on drink and

driving 'to bring home

to people the hard facts'

cause until laboratory tests

goods stocked in the cellars. The minister sipped a large whisky, blew into the tube and recorded a blood/alcohol level of 37 milligrams a millilitre, well within the legal limit of 80. The explosion occurred shortly before 5.30 am. The night watchman was almost cerrain there had been two explo-sions. "But I do not really know what happened after the first", he said. "I shouted to warn those who were in the upper floors. Fortunately I saw

them leave the premises a few moments later." According to the police the According to the points was fire caused by the explosion was fed by the stock of spirits in the shop. Some 200 fire fighters took one and a half

bours to pur out the bleze. The roadway was covered with broken glass and debris.

had only recently been reno-vated. The police threw a cordon round the usually busy area diverting traffic and causing huge bottlenecks as far back as the Opéra. M Edmond Bory, the chair

have been carried out.

No one was injured. All five floors of the building were destroyed as well as part of the troyed as well as part of the floors.

M. Euthold Bory, the charman of the board of the store, and "Last December, we had a turnover of 10m francs (about £1.1m), which is about double f1.1m), which is about double our usual figure. The 320 em-ployees would suffer no loss of earnings and would receive their end of year bonuses as There is a likelihood that the

stor, has been selected by leftwing extremists. Its display of the choicest, rarest, and most expensive products, the finest expensive products, the rinest wines and spirits, caviar, foie gras, chocoletes and truffles, the finest grapes and strawberries in mid-winter, and exotic fruits, had singled it out as a symbol of luxury. Bordcaux: Thieves stole 970lb

of foie gras (goose liver pôté) from a Bordeaux warehouse, valued at 100,000 francs.

### East German author allowed to live in West From Our Correspondent

Berlin, Dec 19

Jurek Becker, a prominent East German author, has been given permission to live in the West. He arrived in West. Berlin earlier this month. He plans to go to a college in Ohio as a writer in residence for six months in February and

after that he intends to return to West Germany until at least the end of 1979, when he hopes to have finished his new book. Herr Becker, a Jew who was born in Peland, is one of the best known German-language writers. Several of his books have been translated into other languages. He is generally considered a loyal and convinced advocate of the East German communist state.

He was born in 1937 and grew up in the ghetto of his home town, Lodz, and in concentra-

### Greek impatience with Nine over entry talks From Our Own Correspondent

Brussels, Dec 19 Greece's impatience with the

slow pace of its negotiations to become the tenth member of the EEC was conveyed to the Community's foreign ministers tonight by Mr Panayotis Papaligouras, their Greek opposite number. Despite sympathetic poises

from Mr Henri Simonet, the Belgian Foreign Minister and current EEC President, and his colleagues, the Nine gave no specific commitment to speed up proceedings, pleading instead the complexity of the negotiations. Mr Papaligouras's main pro-

posal was that the Nine and Greece should aim to complete all aspects of the aggotiations except for agriculturel and budgetary questions by the end of next March.

### Norwegians agree fishing quotas for EEC vessels tonnes of Greenland halibut and From Our Own Correspondent

operating in Norwegian waters during the first quarter of next year under an agreement reached between the European Commission and the Oslo Gov-

this month that EEC fishing vessels would be excluded from Norwegian waters from the end. of this year.

4,000 tonnes of saithe, 350

Brussels, Dec 19

Fishermen from EEC countries will be able to continue the EEC has been allocated a catch quota of 35,000 tonnes of Norway pout, sand-eel and bluewhiting.
EEC and Norwegian negotia-

tors are to meet again in Bergen at the cost of January to work out quotas for the rest of 1978. Meanwhile, the Norwegians will be able to catch small quantities of shrimps, herring and mackerel in EEC waters. EEC member states have still

to decide how to share out the Norwegian catch. The Arctic cod-especially after the closure of Icelandic waters—is the most valuable species in the catch. About two thirds of it has traditionally been taken by British fishermen.

# Better deal for tenants

From John Young Planning Reporter

opened vesterday by Mr Freeson, Minister for Housing and Construction, may mark a turning point in the attitude of local authorities to regants.

The 474-acre estate is intended to house more than 10,000 people by 1981. Mr Kennerh Purchose, chair-

man of Wolverhampton Housing Management Committee, and his colleagues believe that the : discontent found on many estates is not primarily caused by the quality of the housing or the environment, which is often better than on private develop-was to 5,500 people on its waitbetter than on private developments. What is needed, they say, is a new relationship whereby tenants are no longer made dumped "

**Enrials** letter

dentists say

By Our Health Services

tion, said last night.

A letter from Mr Ennals.

Secretary of State for Social

Services, to 11,800 dentists about their dispute over ex-

penses and fees did not move the matter an inch farther, Mr

Ronald Allen, general secretary of the Brirish Dental Associa-

It urged deatists not to im-

pose sanctions against patients, regretted that the association had offered no constructive sug-

gestion about overpaid ex-penses, and said the overpay-

ment could not be ignored

because it amounted to an un-

Mr Ennals said he was willing

to discuss the issue. He con-ceded that in many dentists minds the dispute was bound

up with questions of pay. What-

ever happened he had no in-

tention of reducing fees or demanding lump sum repay-

Mr Allen said the next meet-

ing of the Dental Rates Study

Group, which advises on den-

pay, would be reexamin-

covenanted bonus to dentists.

no help,

Prospective tenants will be invited to discuss their needs with council officials, taken on Wolverhampton
A new council estate at brochures illustrating nine-brochures illustration nine-brochures illustrati and up to a point they will select their own internal decor. The council's intention is to treat tenants, as far as possible, as private bousebuilders treat purchasers. It hopes the tenants will respond with a sense of pleasure and pride in homes. Conservatives on the Labourheld council suggested that the estate should start with a mixture of council tenants and owner-occupiers. But Mr Pur-

on new council estate

By Our Legal Correspondent

Security of income, job and

home are so important to the

individual that free or almost free legal help should be available on such matters irre-

spective of a person's means, the National Association of

Citizens' Advice Bureaux pro-

In its evidence to the Royal

Commission on Legal Services, the association also suggests

other ways for making legal

help and advice more accessible. There is a need for more salaried lawyers in

deprived areas, attached to the

bureaux or law centres, it

It calls for a national

approach to legal services, and for the establishment of a

national advisory committee for

all legal services, whether

The association draws arten-

velunteer lawyers in the pro-

new developments.

# Cumbria needs putting in the picture Radio Carlisle, one of the best Estened to radio stations in Britain, is difficult to receive south of Shap Fell without climbing a hid

When parliamentary and public debate on the recent public debate on the recent Annan committee report on broadcasting opens early next year some of the most intensive interest in it will be shown in the ancient kingdom of Cumbris, now an administrative county with unusual troubles created by the 1974 local government reorganization.

leaders, is a welding together of its constituent parts of old Cumberland, Westmorland, north Leaceshire and a tiny corner of Yorkshire. In trying to achieve that they often feel frustrated because there is no single radio or television service covering the whole county.

The range of Fells running owner-occupiers. But Mr Purchase said yesterday that, while he was not against either building for sale in the later stages or ablowing tenants to buy their homes, the council's first duty was to 5,500 people on its wairing list.

Footpaths and cycleways will be separated from motor traffic, and facilities will include small shopping centres, sports grounds and a boating marina.

The range of Fells running across the southern half of the county, rising to 1,000 feet and more at Shap (which were troublesome for the Romans) constitute the main physical obstacle; the layout of radio and television services before local government reorganization is the main administrative difficulty.

The White Paper on the Annan report, due to be pub-

Regional report

John Chartres

Carlisle

the second largest county in England with information of importance to all its 475,000 people exists in the distribution of the local newspapers, most of which adhere to the old county names of Westmorland in their tirles. cussion, and the broadcasting endersty contract renewals in 1979 may be the right time for a significant improvement.

The northern half of the county is served by Border Television and by BBC New-castle; the southern half by Grenada (Manchester) and BBC Manchester.

Manchester.

By an odd quirk of geography viewers in the south-west of Cumbria get their best reception from Harlech TV, its signal booming happily across an unobstructed Liverpool Bay; but many of its strongly Welshaligued programmes are of only passing interest to the people of Barrowin-Furness and Grange-over-Sands.

and parts of the Scottish border region might be taken away from them if devolution begins

State for the Environment giving permission for the demolimon of The Old Farmhouse
at Nertherbale Farm, near Eirchington, Kent.

The building is owned by
Corpus Christie College, Oxford,
which maintains that it would
cost £100,000 to make the farmhouse, unoccupied for 18 years,
habitable again, and it would
then be worth only £60,000.

Thanet District Council,
which wants the farmhouse preserved, put the cost of restoranical difficulties in providing countywide coverage for Cum-bria, although the spending of money involved makes any sig-nificant changes unlikely before

the 1980s. Executives of Border Tele-vision in Carlisle, who visualize that their coverage of the Scot-tish bank of the Solway Firth to bite, would welcome the opportunity of moving their boundary southwards, and they believe that could be achieved at reasonable cost.

# which wants the farmhouse pre-served, put the cost of restora-tion at only £25,000. At a public inquiry in 1975 a Department of Environment inspector said the college had exaggerated the cost and that the building's restored value would exceed the restoration cost. But on an appeal the mini-ster made his own valuation, which differed from his suspec-

# Applications by overseas

Education Correspondent students for entry to British universities next year are up by nearly a quarter compared with

have been received.
The figures, released yester-

advised by the Consuittee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals to ignore the Government's

An increase of applications does not necessarily mean that more will be accepted. Much will depend on the outcome of the Government's resent deli-berations on fees for overseas

students. The Government is considering several alternatives including a scheme for richer overseas students to pay the full economic course for a course

had applied, 2,000 more than a year ago, representing a 23 per cent increase. Last year's total was 21,560. Applications from home students, two-thirds of whom have now applied, are up

places between overseas and 31,500, the level in 1975-76. home applicants. There are at The polytechnics and of

# students up by 23% By Diana Geddes

Applications from overseas this time last year. About 40 per cent of the expected total

day by the Universities Central Council on Admissions, are a blow to the Government's hope that the number of overseas students studying at further education institutions of all types in Britain will be reduced by next autumn to their level

request and to continue their present admission policies, pro-viding open competition for all present no quotas for overseas

# estimated to be about £2,500 a year for an undergraduate, so that poorer students may be charged less without extra cost to the British taxpayer. By the beginning of this month 10,858 overseas students

by only 2 per cent. There are about 34,000 overseas students in universities, or university student body, com-

The polytechnics and other

about 12 per cent of the total pared with only 8 per cent six years ago. The Government wants the total reduced to

colleges of further education in the public sector are still con-sidering the Government's request to reduce their overseas student numbers. The general feeling is that they will not dare to follow the universities' bold

# tion camps

ernment. There had been fears earlier

North of the 62nd parallel, EEC fishermen will be allowed to catch 12,000 tonnes of cod during the quarter (compared with 55,000 tonnes for the whole of 1977. They will also be able to catch 2,000 touties of haddock, 2,000 tonnes of redfish,

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year since 1970. With less than a fortnight to go before the end of the year, the total number of violent deaths in 1977 stood at 111 yesterday, compared with 296 less year and 482 in 1977, the year and 482 in 1977, the years are the statement of the statement 1972, the worst year for shooting and bombing yet recorded rise during the past 12 months.
By lest night the number of regular British soldiers killed was 15, compared with 14 in 1976, and 103 in 1972. The fact Next : Income

undercover troops operating in plain clothes reflects the change of emphasis from open to cover military operations. gradual return to for both Roman Catholic and Protestant citizens is demonstrated in the number of civilian deaths, standing at 68, compared with 244 last year and 336 in 1972. Above all, the campaign of til-for-tat sectarian murder, which was one of the most chilling tactics to have emerged during the past eight years of terrorism.

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The fall in the number of civilians killed is microred in the summal statistics for serious injuries. For all categories together, both civilians and mem-

# Mr Steel accepts challenge

Mr Steel last night accepted a challenge that when he attends next month's Liberal assembly, he will debate his strategy of

Once again deliberately

Mr Steel faced the litany of party woes and dealt with them fairly briskly with an edge of sarcasm to his voice. The four party people who appeared made it clear that they were disappointed that Liberal MPs did not end the rest liberal mes

trophic", Mr Steel sympathized but retorted: "I don't think we

would deserve any real reputa-tion as a political party if we were to turn round and change course simply because an opinion poll or some by-election

To Mr Trevor Jones, chairman of the Association of Liberal Councillors, who be-mounted the party's electoral

No evacence had been adduced about the abuse of the journalists' closed shop. Formal or de facto closed shops had existed without out cry in the national press, provincial newspapers and periodicals.

reorganization.
One of the county's greatest needs, in the view of its political leaders, is a welding together

Proposal to widen scope of free legal advice vision of legal advice. A survey vision of legal advice. A survey had shown that in a two-week period earlier this year nearly 40,000 people had made queries involving a legal element to 532 bureaux in England, Wales

and Northern Ireland. Uncertainty about costs was a big deterrent to consumers of legal services, the association's evidence says. Clients should be able to obtain estimates from solicitors where possible, or at least be given a leaflet describ-ing the basis of charging, so that they are able to gauge the fees they are becoming liable

tion of legitimate grievances about the way a lawyer has handled a chen's work. The same survey had shown 830 complaints about lawyers in four weeks, suggesting that citizens' advice bureaux might re-ceive about 10,000 in a year. financed privately or publicly.
Its functions would include planning, coordination, monitor-Some of the complaints had arisen because of clients' misconceptions, poor solicitor and client relationships, and high costs. They could be avoided ing, consulting and encouraging by better explanations and more certainty of the financial comtion to the significant role played by the bureaux and of

miments involved.

### Intimidated doctor ill in hospital

Amster, who is in her seventies and lives in north Lon-don, was taken to the Royal Free Hospital late on Sunday evening. .

for.
There ought to be some machinery for the quick resolustill had private patients. Despite a notice outside ber Mail hijacking

# Dr Irene Amster, the doctor who described to The Times how she had been intimidated by drug abusers, is seriously ill in hospital.

A report in The Times yester day described how Dr Amster day described how Dr Amster found herself continuously pestered and intimidated by young drug abusers who sought prescriptions from her. She retired recently from the National Health Service but

surgery announcing that she would no longer give prescriptions a steady procession of young people were trying to see her last week and at the week-

# in 1975-76. -The universities have been

A stolen post office van was a stolen post office van was used yesterday by a masked gang on the outskirts of Norwich to hijack a mail van loaded with £12,000 in cash and Christmas parcels.

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**WEST EUROPE** 

# Search continues for 23 still missing after Madeira crash

for 23 people missing after a myself sucked up and pro-Swiss Caravelle airliner jected into the sea. The plane crashed in the sea last night of Funchal airport.

There was little hope of finding more survivors, how-ever. Most of the missing passengers and crew were believed trapped by their safety belts in wreckage lying in water 2,000ft deep. Tairteen have been recovered so

Twenty-one people scrambled to safety after the impact and were picked up by a florible of small boats from this Atlantic Most of the passengers were Swiss tourists.

A spokesman for the SATA Geneva that the cause of the eccident was not known. The Caravelle was being flown by two experienced captains. The Funchal airport tower said that, though it was raining

at the time of the accident, visibility was quite good and there was only a three-knot wind. The tower had warned the pilot that his approach was low, but then lost contact.

A pilot of a regular Portu-guese national airline (TAP) flight, flying, into Funchal about an hour after the Cara-velle, reported he had hit an air pocket and plunged sea-wards near the crash sire but managed to gain altitude again. One of the survivors. Mr

Funchal, Madeira, Dec 19.— Thierrin Raymond, a Geneva Rescue workers searched today restaurant owner, said: "I felt ripped open as if it was cut by a giant knife.

"Miracuksusly I had for setten to fasten my seat belt. I can't swim but I grabbed a. travel bag as a float. My wife, who can swim, held on to the two children until we were rescued two and three-quarter hours later by fishermen." A Portuguese survivor, Mar-

cia Oliveira, who was on a honeymoon trip with her Swiss husband, told reporters in hos pital that there was panic as the aircraft came in for what the passengers expected was normal landing and then fell sharply before hitting the sea. Another passenger gave her and her busband life jackets and moments later they found

themselves in the sea. "We were a long way from lond, but after an hour and with great effort we managed to find a fishing buoy. It saved our lives. Later we were spot-ted by a fishing boat and the next thing I knew we were in hospital

Swiss experts have arrived n Madeira to investigate the The crash followed Portu

gal's worst air disaster a month ago, when a TAP Boeing 727 overshot the runway at Funchal, killing 129 of the 154 Leading article, page 11



Karl Marx looks down disdainfully on a bourgeois Signor Berlinguer in the cartoon in "La Repubblica".

### Communists that the cartoon was offensive and so deeply false as to go far beyond a political criticism angered by cartoon

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Rome, Dec 19

Everybody knows that Signor Enrico Berlinguer, the Italian Communist Party Reader, is a serious person, but probably no one knew how seriously other people take him until protests began over a cartoon showing him in full bourgeois garb including slippers and really shiny hair oil.

The cartoon sppeared in the Rome newspaper La Republica and was drawn by Italy's best political cartoonist, Giorgio Forattini, who has just published a volume of his recent work

work.
The first person to protest against the cartoon was Signor Paolo Spriano, the official historian of the Communist Party. He was followed by Signor Mario Melloni, who is a satirist himself and writes amusing comments on the front mare of comments on the front page of the party's newspaper L'Unitu. Signor Spriano maintained

### Ex-CIA agent fights Dutch expulsion order

The Hague, Dec 19.—Mr Philip Agee, the former agent of the Central Intelligence Agency, who wrote a book on CIA activities, today began a legal battle to avoid expulsion from the Netherlands as a threat to public order and parinnal sequing.

threat to public order and national security.

After meeting behind closed doors with a special advisory commission of the aliens' department, he is hoping that the commission will report that there is no case against him.

If it goes the other ware If it goes the other way, he will seek an adjournment of the proceedings until after January 27. This is three months after an appeal filed by his lawyer against an official ruling limiting his residence in The Netherlands to three months: He would then be entitled under Dutch law to take his case before the Council of State.—AP.

### Golden wedding a day early for Rudolf Hess

icial comment ".

The drawing showed Signor Berlinguer in a dressing gown and slippers, sipping tea while contemplating with disdain and

distance a march of 200,000 engineering workers through Rome earlier this month. It exaggerated the size of his ears

and the downward slope of his eyes and placed him in a com-

munist context only to the ex-tent of the portrait of Marx hanging on the wall behind

Italy is certainly not the

country for political satire and

in this sense Signor Forartini is a pioneer. There has, how-

ever, been enough of it in recent years for the governing-

Christian Democrats, at least at the higher levels, to grow

accustomed to have fun poked

One of Signor Forattin's most frequent targets is the Christian Democrat Senator Amintore Fantani. The senator is not regarded as the most even rempered man in Italian politics but he has certainly accepted these shafts with apparent good prace.

grace. It is said that he has asked for the originals of some of the sharpest of them.

One of Signor Forattion's most

Berlin, Dec 19 .- Rudolf Hess, aged 83, celebrated his golden wedding anniversary today ar Spandau prison.

Frau Ilse Hess, aged 77, who was allowed only her usual 30-minute monthly visit to the prison, made the journey a day before the couple's actual wedding anniversary to avoid pub-The celebration came on the same day that Herr Hess, the last leader of Nazi Germany still in jail, lost a legal appeal that West Germany be forced to take diplometic steps to end

The Free Rudolf Hess Aid Society said today that Frau Hess had asked prison officials to extend her monthly visit from 30 minutes to an hour but had been refused. The prison is be ing run this month by American troops .-- AP. · Letters, page 11

# Van Agt Cabinet sworn in

The Hugue, Dec 19.-Holland's centre-right Cabinet headed by old Christian Democrat. Mr van Agt, who was Justice Minister and Deputy Prime Minister in Mr Joop den Uyls

Government, is one of only two

survivors from the outgoing

caretaker administration...

The 16 ministers took the longest political crisis ended after nine months today when Queen Juliana swore-in a new Catholic, is Holland's most controversial politician, known for Mr Andreas vim Agt, a 46-year- his unpredictable, highly per-

sonal style Dutch newspapers, with the exception of the conservative De Telegran, have shown little ability to tackle the country's problems.—Reuter.

OVERSEAS.

### Many Begin supporters taken aback by his plan

Tel Aviv, Dec 19

Mr Begin's offer of self-rule and democratic elections for Palestinian Arabs was attacked by his supporters in Parliament today as a move that must lead inevitably to an independent Palestinian state on the West

Bank of the Jordan.

Likud deputies, who hardly ever critize their leader, expressed shock and deep concern in Knesset cloakroom talk and called for an urgent meeting with the Prime Minister before he goes to Egypt on Sunday to present his proposals to President Sadat. Mr Begin is still in Washington and a party meeting was arranged for Wednesday.

The proposals were also attacked by the leaders of the Labour Opposition in statements after a party meeting.

Labour Opposition in statements after a party meeting. However, "dovish" deputies in the coalition and the Opposition applauded the offer as a step in the right direction.

Arab nationalists identified with the Palestine Liberation Crganization said today the proposals were inadequate. A proclamation issued by West

proposals were inadequate. A proclamation, issued by West Bank mayors, union leaders and other political activists, complained they denied self-determination to the Arabs.

Mr Muhamad Milhen, one of the mayors, said: "Our people should be given a full independent state without being under the patronage of anybody unless the people want it."

the people want it."

The comments were all based

on Mr Begin's statements in an American television interview last night. He had not taken the full Cabinet into his confidence before taking his proposals to Washington; requests by the parliamentary foreign affairs and security committee for information were turned down by Mr Deyan, the Foreign

Minister.

The fact that Mr Begin unvailed the proposals first to the American media added insult to injury in many eyes and further soured the political

atmosphere.
Mr Rabin, the former Prime
Minister, said in an interview
that autonomy for the West
Bank and Gaza strip inhabitants, without linking the areas to the Kingdom of Jordan, would create an autonomous Palestinian entity which would become the nucleus of a third state between Israel and Jordan and a source of trouble. Several Likud deputies shared Mr Rabin's concern but said Mr Begin may have been misunder-Some hard-liners said they

could agree with self-rule in local administration, covering

been for President Sadat to

an Arab summit conference on his "findings".

Right away we started to defend it, and we left things to escalare. We went to attacks on all the fronts against the Asabs and the Soviet Union."

Mr Heikal conceded that President Sadat's initiative had been accepted in Egypt "very enthusiastically", but for what he considered the wrong reasons. One was simple war-weari-

Then by watching the visit on television almost continuously for 41 hours, ordinary Egyptians had achieved a sense of

participation in the event which

washed away all reserva-tions". But "peace is not a television spectacular", he com-

Other more solid factors were

Other more solid factors were the belief that peace would lead to a solution of Egypt's economic problems, and the envy felt by many Egyptians at the wealth of other Arab countries which they regard as far more backward than themselves.

Mr Heikal said it was ridiculous to call him an agent of Moscow. But he defended the role played by the Soviet Union in the Middle East.

The Russians favoured a settlement because they wanted

Audience cheers

scores first win

Belgrade, Dec 19.—Boris Spassky today won his first victory against Viktor Korchnoi in their match here to find a

challenger to the world chess champion, Anatoly Karpov.

Korchnoi, who leads the 20-game series 61-31, resigned after 36 moves in the eleventh game,

a Queen's Gambit Tartakower Variation which is Spassky's speciality. An adjourned tenth

game is to be resumed tomor-

Playing black, Spassky spent most of the time in his box

backstage, coming out only to make the moves. He did this

for the first time in the tenth

game on Friday, explaining

that light reflecting on pieces on theboard troubled his eyes.

Korchnoi was in deep trouble today in the middle game and

was forced to sacrifice an exchange. He was under time

pressure, having four minutes

for 10 moves.

Spassky's victory brought

thunderous applause and cheers from the audience. Korchnoi's

second, the British grandmaster Michael Stean, said after the game: "Korchnoi made very

bad mistakes in the second half

of the game. He was really playing badly."—Reuter.

as Spassky

mented.

" But no, we did not do that.

the Arab world advance of what he was doing, even though acting on his own responsibility, and to promise to report back immediately to

Continued from page 1

Russian unions aim 'to squeeze profits from workers'

# Mr Bukovsky calls West bashful about exposing Soviet abuses

From M. Leapman New York, Dec 19 Mr Vladimir Bukovsky, the

Soviet dissident, said here today that, to judge from the words of western delegates at the Belgrade conference, the Heisinki agreements had been signed "just for fun".

He observed: "Precisely at

the moment when an account should have been demanded from the Communist oppressors, the western governments became remarkably bashful in their statements about human rights. He made the remarks at

bunch of the New York city central labour council, a year and a day after his release from a Soviet prison. At a press conference beforehand, he spoke in greater detail of the violations of the Helsinki agreements which Western countries appeared to be ignor-

Nothing, for instance, had been said obout the abuse of psychiatry by the Russians. The reason, he speculated, was that Western governments prefer to have good relations with our rulers but not with our people." governments

Washington, Dec 19

The American Government is

continuing to say very little about Middle East develop-

ments. Each spectacular announcement from Cairo or Jerusalem is received in

Jerusalem is received in stunned silence here, and it usually takes the White House

and State Department a few duve to produce statements of

The longest silence followed

that he would go to Jerusalem, although when President Carter

finally got round to welcoming

, he was enthusiastic. It took the White House 48

hours to invite Mr Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, to

Israeli Prime Minister, to Washington—or rather to agree that he could invite himself—and the Americans succeeded in persuading Mr Sadat to postpone the Cairo conference for 10 days, to allow Mr Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of State, to visit the Middle East beforehand

hand.
The Americans seem worried

by both Egyptian and Israeli diplomacy. They are not sure

Heikal fear of Egyptian isolation

Mr Heikal : " Peace is not a

to avoid a confroctation with

to avaid a controctation with the United States; because they wanted to escape the cost of massive arms supplies to the Arab states; and because they thought there were greater hopes for "social change" in the Arab world once the con-flict with Israel was out of the

Mr Heikal admitted, however, that the deterioration of rela-tions between Egypt and the Soviet Union was also partly attributable to Soviet clumsi-

ness. They deserve some of what they are getting, but not all of it."

Similarly, while criticizing

Tanker collision

damage put at

£16m by expert

From Our Correspondent.
Johannesburg, Dec 19
Damage to the two super-tankers which collided off the South African coast on Friday.

Africa at the weekend on the

instructions of the tankers' owners, Venoil Shipping, a sub-sidiary of Bethlehem Steel Cor-

would have to be towed to yards in the United States or Japan

as both are too big to enter

South African ports for repairs.

back on board the ship.

Part of the Venoil's crew is

way.

television spectacular." '.

resident Sadat's announcement

Middle East moves

a tour of 11 American cities which Mr Bukovsky has taken at the invitation of the AFL-CIO, the strongly anti-communist trade union federation. In his speech today, he emphasized the difficulties

encountered by organized labour in Russia. The unions there were not concerned with protecting working people, but with "squeezing out of them more profits". Workers' complaints to the unions were passed on to the secret police. Unemployed people were regarded as parasites and sent

Western aid to the Soviet Bukovsky asserted.

Union made things worse, Mr. Buknysky asserted. "Western USSR, which are calculated to exploit cheap labour, are directly harmful to the interests of Western workers. I am certain that American lebour unions at least have the right to investigate all cases of investment of Western capital in the USSR and the condi-

proposals do not go far enough.
Mr Sadat has played the dip-lomatic game as skilfully as Mr Begin. By eschewing the secret

diplomacy dominated by the

One constraint on the Americans is that they have other concerns where the Egyptians

fairly clear that the joint Soviet

a role in the Middle East, owed something to the Salt (strategic arms limitation) negotiations.

Now that the Geneva confer-

ence has sunk into limbo, the

Russians have been excluded yet again and Soviet-American

relations may suffer.

Beitut: A suitcase bomb was found inside the Egyptian Embassy here today and defused the total and the second in the se

one hour before it was due to

Bahrain : King Hussin of Jordan

explode.-Reuter.

was done. . . .

work in other Arab countries.

but they would do so "under duress" and "the element of

and Israelis have none.

tions of labour and pay in the areas where American capital

Mr Bukovsky is going to England next year to study at Cambridge, but before that he might visit Japan, West Ger-many and France.

Beigrade: A agreement today enabled the Eclgrade conference to break a 48 hour long procedural dead-lock between East and West. The Soviet Union argued

that the exchange of views on the application of the Helsinki agreement was closed and should not be raised in futue discussion. Western countries, however, wished to retain in the new agencia the freedom to return to the subject.

In the end, East European Siberia to work for low

countries headed by Russia countries headed by Russia accepted a new agenda stipulating that the plenary assembly "remains open for any intervention by any delegation". The West, meanwhile, accepted that under the new agenda "the Belgrade meeting has completed discussion" on the exchange of views regard. the exchange of views regard-ing application of the Helsinki agreement.—Agence

### In brief US baffled by pace of Island minister is demoted

Hamilton, Dec 19.-Mr David Gibbons, the Bermuda Premier, reshuffled his Cabinet today, demoting a right-wing minister who made outspoken remarks during race riots two weeks Americans, which was to lead sedately to Geneva, he has greatly reduced their room for

ago.
Mr Harry Viera lost his post
as Minister of Community
Affairs and became Minister
Withour Portfolio with special
responsibility for the Bermuda
Regiment of 350 men.

Vietnam talks American statement last autumn, in which Washington admitted that the Russians had

Paris, Dec 19.—United States and Vietnamese negotiators have begun a new round of ralks here on improving their diplomatic relations, which are still frozen by America's refusal to pay war reparations to Hanoi. The first session lasted three and a half hours. Boxer pardoned

Santa Fe, Dec 19.—Argentina's Santa Fe Provincial Goverument has pardoned Carlos Monzon, the former world middleweight boxing champion, who was sentenced to six months' jail for hitting his estranged wife in public two held talks here with the Emir of Bahrain, Shaikh Isa bin Sulman sl-Khalifa. The King is vears ago. Nicosia rally

Nicosia, Dec 35,000 people, the largest crowd seen in Cyprus in recent years, turned out to see President Kyprianou and his son,
Achilleas, victim of last week's
kidnapping, at a rally in
Nicosia's main square. Mr Sadar's failure to coordinate policy with other Arab tes, Mr Heikal also criticized the way other Arab states had reacted. "On our side, on the

Lost' in Libya

Genoa, Dec 19.—A writ panies seeking 5,000m lire (E3,360,000) from Colonel Gaddafs, the Libyan leader, has been returned marked "addressee unknown".

reacted. "On our side, on the side of Egypt, there is a complete cloud, which is hiding facts ... briding the negative aspects of what we did. In the rest of the Arab world there is a cloud of hysteria which is briding the positive side of what was done...." Zambia press threat Mr Helkel was especially critical of the anti-Arab campaign in the Egyptian press, for instance, calling on all Egyptians to return home from their

Lusaka, Dec 19.—Zambia's two national newspapers may be lack of foreign exchange to import printing supplies, newspaper executives have

Because we want to win a tattical battle inside Egypt, for the minds of the people in Egypt, we are ready to destroy Japanese protest

Maki, Japan, Dec 19.—
Demonstrators fought with the police today when they broke up a picket line of about 2,000 life trade unionists protesting against a plan to build four nuclear power plants near here, strategic assets all over the area," he said. This kind of Egyptian attitude could become the "starting point for Egypt's isolation", especially if all this led to a separate Israell-Egyptian agreement".

Other Arab states might be children for the states of the separate to Siamese twin dies

obliged to follow Egypt's lead, as they had done in the past, but they would do so "under Nairobi, Dec 19 .-- One of the Siamese twins separated in a seven-hour operation here over the weekend has died. The out-look for the surviving twin is said to be satisfactory.

acceptance through conviction is not going to be there. The result would be a weak fabric, a cardboard peace which Czech jailed

Prague, Dec 19.—Mr Josef Grohman, the former Czecho slovak Deputy Culture Minister has been sentenced to 13 and 1 half years in prison on charges of spying for a foreign power.

# can lead to more trouble, be-cause it's done by euphoria on one side and hand-twisting on the other side. This is not the foundation on which we should build." Turkish opposition unites into absolute majority

Ankara, Dec 19

Mr Bulent Ecevit, chairman of the social democraric Republican People's Party Republican recopie's Party (RPP), today told reporters that the opposition he leads in the Turkish Parliament now has enough votes to oust the Government led by Mr Suleyman Damical Mr Bcevit said after a meet-

is estimated at about £16m.
This was the figure given in Port Elizabeth today by Mr.
Harry Millard, principal surveyor for the American Bureau of Shipping in Africa.
Mr Millard arrived in South ing with Professor Turhan Feyzioglu of the moderate right-wing Republican Reliance Party that the opposition now totals 226 votes, an absolute majority in the 450-sear assembly.
This was interpreted as mean-

poration.

Meanwhile, the two 330,000ton tankers, the Venoil and
Venpet, are in the charge of
tugs about 60 miles out in
Algoa Bay. The oil slick, six
miles by two, caused by fuel
from their ruptured bunkers, is ing that Professor Feyzioglu's two deputies, who had abstained in the last vote of confidence, would now join the opposition in a move to oust Mr Demirel's being rapidly dispersed. There seems little danger of a pollu-tion threat to the South African coast unless the weather deteri-orates suddenly and blows the slick inshore.
Mr Millard said the tankers

in a move to oust Mr Demirel's three-party, right-wing coalition, weakened by a series of resignations after the December 1 local elections.

The eight deputies who resigned from Mr Demirel's conservative Justice Party (JP) last week, backed by one independent and another former P deputy declared. independent and another an former JP deputy, declared and yesterday that they would vote

The RPP itself can muster 213

votes, not including the Speaker, a party member who One of those who resigned.

Mr Mustafa Kilic, was roughly handled by JP deputies in the Parliament lobby today. "It's was nothing, just a little scuffle", he told reporters after other party members intervened and stopped the fight. "We are friends again." Asked whether there was a chance of his becoming friends again with Mr

Demirel, the Ankara deputy replied: "I am afraid that is

replied: "I am airsid that is impossible."

This consolidation of the opposition came on the ere of the departure of a delegation from the International Monetary Fund, which is leaving for Chrisamas and new year holidays without having reached an agreement with the Turkish Government.

A consortion of two American and two German banks has egreed to supply credits of more than \$500m (£280m) to Turkev if it reaches an agreement with the IMF and Ankara also hopes to obtain credits in the near

obtain credits in the near in favour of a new government. future from Japan.

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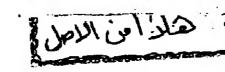
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Seventy homes have been destroyed in bush fires sweeping across the Blue Mountains near Sydney. The authorities suspect they were started deliberately.

# Australian minister who resigned during election rejoins Cabinet

James Killen, the Defence Minister, who retains his port-Lynch, the former Australian folio in the new Cabinet.
After the party meeting Me
Freser announced his new er, who was forced to resign on the eve of the recent campaign, political comeback e no important Senator Robert roday. He was appointed to Mr. Fraser's new Cabinet and was re-elected deputy leader of the

Mr Fraser made him Minister

Mr Fraser made him Minister for Industry and Commerce, retrining as Treasurer Mr John Howard, whom he maned to replace Mr Lyach less mouth Mr Lyach, who is 44, resigned as Treasurer after Labour politicians alleged that his imply trust had made big profits out of irregular land dealings. Mr Fraser said Mr Lyach had requested a less arduous post after his two years at the Treasury.

years at the Treasury.
Since the general election
on December 10 which returned
the Liberal-National Country
Party coalition to power, Mr
Praser has completed a detailed

examination of Mr Lynch's business affairs and found him

anocent of any wrongdoing or

mentary Liberal Party today, he supported Mr Lynch's redection as deputy leader of

Social Democrat

Tokyo, Dec 19.—Social Demo-ratic world leaders today issued t "Tokyo declaration" sup-parting the global struggle for.

numer rights and calling for a

Marking the and of the original international's three-

lay summit, it said that free-lon from any kind of oppres-ion and discrimination was a

lt also said that the world's

traises said that the world's conomic problems required colective action by many countries to set up a new internaional system "on the premise of democratization of domestic

Monomic justice at home ".-

today that his legislative advis-

ory council would meet next

month to decide on holding an

election for an interim National

He told reporters that results still pouring in from Saturday's

Philippines poll plans

Manila, Dec 19.—President referendum showed a massive

Marcos, of the Philippines, said endorsement for his rule.

With five million votes coun-

manifesto on

human rights

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undemental right.

propriety.

There were two new min-istries: National Development and Fisance. National Development went to Mr Kevin New-man, who will have special responsibility for overseeing responsibility for overseeing Australia's mineral resources. There were no immediate details of the functions of the new Finance Minister, Mr Eric Robinson, formerly minister for osts and telecommunications.
The Necional Country Party, junior partner in the coalition holds seven posts; the Liberal

likely oversy zheady seems likely over one of the National Country Party's ministers. Mr Country rarry a managers, and Glenister Sheil, a Queensiand senator who has been made responsible for Veterans' Affairs. He said today he would like to see apartheid, the system of racial separation practised in South Africa, introduced in It was still not too late to introduce separate development

he hoped to export rabbits to South Africa because the His views run counter to the

Industry, was appointed consul-general in New York. government conference in ordon in May, Mr Fraser said artheid was althorrent and a partheid was eliborrent and degradation of human rights. The members of the new Gor-

### **Brezhnev** praise to mark KGB birthday

Moscow, Dec 19.—President Brezimev of the Soviet Union, who is celebrating his seventy-first bireliday today, sent a message of greetings to mark the studieth analysersary tomorrow of the founding of the Soviet security police, now known at the KGB.

In the message, a summary of which was published by Tass, he said that the work of the KGB was "hard but bonourable, very necessary and responsible" carrying out the

asponsible " carrying out the gloridus traditions" of its The message merked the number 20, 1917.

st Wednesday to appear for session of the Supreme Soviet ad cancelled other enesse-

came soon after the Polisario

had announced to the French left-wing leaders that they would be releasing the eight

French hostages they had been holding as prisoners after their

# Polisario launches a new attack

sario guerrillas carried out. another attack against Mauriforces yesterday in 82 guerrillas and 30 Mauricanian troops died, official sources said today. Fighting was sti<u>ll</u> going on. still going on.
The sources added that
Moroccan aircraft had intervened against a Polisario
column during an earlier arrack

last week.
During yesterday's fighting,
22 Polisario vehicles, about half
of the attacking column, were
destroyed. Mauritania loss four vehicles, the sources added. The attack was directed at a milway line used for carrying Ian Murray writes from Paris: There has been kirle public reaction from the French Gov.

ted out of an electorate of just

over 21 million the President won 4,600,796 yes votes or 90.09 per cent compared with

420,831 (8.24 per cent) against

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allegations from Algeria and the Polisario From that France had sent Jagoar. Siverate to bomb and machine gun a Polisario columni last Thursday.

According to a Polisario. According to a rotter of the capture at a mining camp and Algiers, a column of 100 ve on the railway not far from brokes which had attacked a last week's raid.

Maureissnish mineral train was attacked by four Breguet attack was the French Governation on the news that and two squadrons of Jaguar

The statement said the air-craft had used napalm bombs and that several score of Poli-sario guerrillas, as well as 49 out of 60 Maureitanian prison-ers, were killed Fifty guerrilla vehicles were destroyed.

During a press conference in Algiers last night Mr Omar Hadrani, a member of the

Seoul dissident

reanserrer to a second action and cranted a reunion, with his family for an hour.

His wife said that Mr Kim

would be given treatment from tomorrow. She intended to apply for permission to attend to him in hospital.

The Ministry of Justice said that the prison authorities had decided to send Mr Kim to

hospital for treatment as the jail lacked facilities to treat the chronic inflammation of his

chronic inflammation of his knee joints. His term had not

been suspended.
Mr Kim, who is 52 was
narrowly beaten by President
Park Chung Hee in the 1971

presidential election, he was arrested with other dissidents

ip March last year after they

had issued a statement asking

President Park to resign and to

revoke the present constitution.

and the emergency proclaimed

moved from

hostages were to be The Algerian press agency sent out the report under the headline "French imperialism

lowers its mask."

"All the world will know that
an attempt to recolonize the
north-west of Africa is well and truly under way, according to the old methods of gunboat policy", it said.

### Gen Zia pleased with military talks in China jail to hospital Seoul, Dec 19.—Mr Kim Dae Jung, the former opposition presidential candidate, was transferred to a Seoul hospital today after 21 mooths in jail. From Our Correspondent Islamabad, Dec 19

Islamabad, Dec 19
General Zia ul-Hail, Pakistan's Chief Martial Law Administrator said here today on his return from a visit to China, that he had discussed certain military matters with Chinese leaders. China was assisting Pakistan in the manufacture of military hardware. assisting agriculture in the manufacture of military hardware.
There were seven defence projects under construction with Chinese support.
General Zia, who led a large

military and civilian delegation to China, added that his talks with Chinese leaders were suc-cessful beyond expectations. Work on some defence and civil projects carried out with Chinese assistance was expecthe to be speeded up.

He told reporters that he would make an important political announcement on January 1. He added that he was satis-fied with the handling of the

political situation in Punjab by Lieutenant-General Iqbal, the Martial Law Administrator of Punjab, He was apparently referring to police action during a visit by Mrs Nusrat Bhutto, the former Brime Minimara. and the emergency proclaimed by presidential decree.

Last March, the Supreme Court upheld sentences of five years in jail for Mr Kim and two and a half years to five years for eight of his codefen-dants. the former Prime Minister's wife, to the Test match in Lahore lest week

### India-Bangladesh talks on Ganges pact problems From Richard Wigg Delhi, Dec 19

Mr Desai, the Indian Prime Minister, and President Zia of Bangladesh agreed this evening that senior officials of both commercies should get down to finding a solution to the longterm problems raised by the recent agreement for the control of the Ganges waters.

Mr Desai's Government has run into criticism, particularly in West Bengal, over sharing the waters with Bangladesh

because of the shortfull it will bring the port of Calcutta unless long-term schemes are devised to increase the total flow of

the Ganges available
Both Mr Desai and President
Zia, who arrived here today on
a 36-hour visit to India after
visiting Nepal yesterday, emphasized the need to develop the cooperation between the two countries. President Zia spoke of the "compulsions of geography which determine the interdependence of our two

# better deal for the gifted child

Getting a

ficulties strangely similar to those experi-enced by parents of handicapped children -strains on family relationships, educa-tional problems and the dilemma of how Mrs Felicity Ann Sieghart, chairman of the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC), says, "most parents don't want super-gifted children, they want everage-bright children who are no embar rassment to neighbours and who sail through exams with no school problems.". NAGC, founded in 1967, has a fast-grow-ing membership (3,000-4,000) and is ioneering a free counselling service to elp gifted children through their families. The idea of training a core of voluntary workers to be an "ear" to parents with gifted children came from Mrs Grace Armbruster, who initiated the Saturday Club, now widely adopted by NAGC's 43 branches throughout Britain.

branches throughout Britain.

During the past 10 years NAGC have concentrated on developing activities for gifted children, holding meetings for parents and counselling on a small scale. Educationally considerable development has taken place, partly due to NAGC's pressure. After abolishing direct grants, the Department of Education and Science are increasingly recognizing their response. are increasingly recognizing their responsibility towards the gifted, especially in comprehensive schools. (See Gifted Children in Middle and Comprehensive Secondary Schools. August, 1977. HMSO, £1.75). Over half of the 104 LEA's now make some provision for the gifted.

Until recently NAGC's only couns were psychiatric social worker Mrs Margaret Branch, who counselled families from NAGC's London office, and, for the past 18 months, a concert pianist, Michael Hambourg, who has given music counselling to about 50 familes. Mrs Branch's retirement coincided with NAGC's receiving two grants (DHSS, £5,000, Pilgrim as the effects on siblings, differences in parental attitudes (which often leads to marital friction) or resolving educations an activity not being covered by any other gency or government department.

A working party was set up under the chairmanship of Mrs Sieghart to devise a training scheme for counsellors, NAGC approached the National Marriage Guidance Council (an organization with experience in adapting their courses to suit particular needs). Last April 32 NAGC members, most with some professional training (teachers, health visitors, nurses) were nominated by their branches for the first stage of training, an intensive four-day course at the Marriage Guidance training course Rughy Medical Professional Profess training centre, Rugby. Mrs Sieghert and Mrs Armbruster, who administer the training scheme, attended the course to find our what it was like and learn what would be required of a counsellor. They would be required of a counsellor. I dey worked in unstructured groups with a leader, when feelings, not ideas, were explored. They also participated in study groups on subjects such as child development and family roles and took turns to be client/counsellor to discuss hypothetical cases.

The counsellor's role is not to advise (except to refer to professionals) but to help parents to reassess the situation and come to terms with it; the sympathetic talking-through of a problem with a dispassionate counsellor can help. Each counsellor has the back-up of a marriage guidance tutor, with whom she will have discussions at least six times a year. A one-day conference will be held annually in London for all counsellors and the in London for all counsellors and the marriage guidance tutors will meet to dis-cuss administration. NAGC plans to train eight new counsellors a year, giving priority to candidates from areas not

The working party found that families need help on non-specific problems, such

parental attitudes (which often leads to marital friction) or resolving educational problems when the gifted may be making excessive demands on teachers or be friendless. Divorced, adoptive or singleparent families particularly need support and reassurance. Mrs Sieghart says: "For instance, a girl with an illegitimate child by a student may find she has a legacy far more intelligent than herself, with

no one to turn to." Mrs Sieghart thinks parents are no less able to cope with gifted offspring than in the past, but says, "many gifted fall by the wayside, failing to develop their potential and become healthy adults". NAGC aims to move into urban deprived areas and when money is found for this areas and when money is found for this the need for counsellors will be even the need for counsellors will be even greater. The more deprived the area is, the more difficult it is to spot the gifted (particularly among immigrants) who may become hyper-active or turn to crime before they are identified. In Kilburn the fourth child of a West Indian divorcec was writing at the age of 2!: the mother thought he was merely bright, her only complaint to teachers was that he didn't mix with other children. The school put her in touch with NAGC whose Saturday Club the son now attends; aged 8, he is in the top form of primary school.

Incidentally, this mother is currently talking at seminars throughout the

Incidentally, this mother is currently talking at seminars throughout the country about what having a gifted child is like. NAGC set aside £1.250 of the DHSS grant to organize these, with the view to informing doctors and paramedicals about how to identify gifted

Anyone interested in seeing a NAGC counsellor (in the client's or counsellor's home) should write to: NAGC, 1 South Audley Street, London W1Y 5DQ.

### Why the Government must come to the aid of the Civil Service

The revolution in the training of French civil servents which began in 1945 with D'Administration has been a major factor n transforming France into a modern and steps would produce similar results in Britain is a controversial question which lemands public debate. The recent report of the Expenditure Committee on the Civil Service was, indeed, greeted with headlines, but these were unfortunately stolen by Brian Sedgemore's colourful charge, much deprecated by most of his colleagues, that civil servants salotage government policies. The committee were in farture purpose of a white proper which will shortly be the subject of a white proper Important recommends. of a white paper. Important recommenda-tions were also made about training, and these are examined below.

Is training a matter of importance? The answer largely binges upon conflicting sieues about organization. Many manageviews about organization. Many management consultants and some politicians are
"systems orientated". If, they contend, an
organization can be given the right formal
structure and control mechanisms it should
flourish. Consequently most public and
many private organizations have been subflourish. Consequently most public and many private organizations have been subjected to major surgical operations which have caused much blood and expense. After such operations many patients—local government and the NHS appear to be topical examples—are often weaker than before and this supports an approach which is "people orientated". Whilst the right organization is obviously desirable, its optimum shape may best be evolved right organization is obviously desirable, its optimum shape may best be evolved through organic growth based on a regular analysis of changing objectives and roles, the encouragement of creativity and the development of a participative style of management. The successful evolution of this type of organization depends upon training of a broad and comprehensive kind.

Such a choice is particularly pertinent to the Civil Service. Its structure has hardly changed since it was created for an entirely different purpose in the nine-teenth century. It is rigidly hierarchical and, with a few limited exceptions, those destined for the top are recruited as raw

young graduates on the basis of univeryoung gradules on the basis of univer-sity results, interviews and rests. Although their fitness for work cannot be demon-strated before entry, trainees are virtually guaranteed promotion to the high rank of

This might not matter if effective arrangements were made for teaching them their jobs. Unfortunately the Civil Service College has so far been a sad failure. Whereas the French ENA has only four academic staff because its students learn the art of government from top civil servents who visit the Ecole, the college employs many academics, unensity related to seconded civil servants, who lecture about theory. It

Trainees, in fact, learn in their departments by "sitting next to Nellie". Thus ments by sitting next to Nellie". Thus they imbibe the received wisdom of the service which teaches them that no administrator should stay in a job long enough to become deeply informed about his subject. Fulton inveighed against the DETY SO FOUR strators constantly from job to job, but since 1968 the situation has got worse. Individuals remain in their immensely complex spheres for no more than 2), years on average and just as they are becoming proficient they are moved on. Since it is rarely possible to measure the results of policies or of managerial systems in so short a time, accountability for errors, or rewards for success, are equally mpracticable.

There is no lack of evidence to show the baneful results of this system. Local government, the NHS and the nationalized industries, all of which are largely controlled by civil servants have voiced bitter complaints about their lack of understanding of current problems. Unlike French administrators, who are seconded to the provinces and to industry, British civil servants have virtually no opportunity of working in these fields.

The committee has now made a bold suggestion which, if implemented, would remedy a number of these defects. Selection for the top echelons would no longer take place immediately after graduation. Trainees would, after an induction course, go to work in departments and, after some years, compete for admission to a senior

management course with all other eligible civil servants. Selection would depend upon reports and examinations covering policy and academic topics and opportunities for

study would be provided.
Admission to the senior course would be a pre-requisite to promotion beyond the rank of assistant secretary and its content and methodology would differ dramatically from current courses at Sunningdale.

The committee are also conscious that training for the remainder of the 700,000 civil servants is in urgent need of reform. Training costs nearly £20m a year, employing about 3,400 trainers, and additional states. tional steps are ursed to the steps and stor-trouble to conducted by generalists who, after a short course, serve for about three

It is impossible to acquire, in this period, the full range of experience and skills which good training requires and consequently the Civil Service lags sadly behind industry and other large or geniza-tions in the application of modern reality? techniques. Apart from instruction in technical procedures, training is not genred to operational needs and is largely a generalized form of education. If more stability were encouraged and relevant training in analysis and problem solving was developed a host of creative ideas would emerge and the traditional hierarchy might gradually evolve into a more

civil servents find it difficult to rebut such an analysis, but there appears to be a fatalistic assumption that it is impossible to make any change.

The attitude of government and Perlia-ment is therefore crucial. North Sea oil has given Britain the greatest opportunity for a century to stage an industrial and social renaissance, and the ability of the Civil Service to help to make optimum use of this yest but temporary vincfall will be decisive. But the uncertainty and lack of vision which has characterized the last two decades does not rugur well for the future unless major changes occur.

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### This honest approach to cancer care

The past 10 years has seen a proliferation of articles, seminars and lectures on the care of parients with terminal cancer, much of the impetus coming from the much of the impetus coming from the pioneering work on the control of pain by Dr Cácely Saunders and her colleagues at St Christopher's Hospice in Sydenham. However, the impact of these ideas on day-to-day practice in the NHS has been limited by the small numbers of medical and nursing staff with personal, practical experience of the continuing care of patients with severe pain and other distressing symptoms. In the words of one of tressing symptoms. In the words of one of the doctors at St Christopher's, most hospital staff are still conditioned by the "death-denying arritudes of modern Western society". Only too often the daying western society." Only too often the dying parient is regarded as a medical failure: he is moved to a side ward or the corner of the ward where nurses and doctors can hurry past murmuring to each other that there is nothing more to be done.

An initiative by the National Society for Cancer Relief has begun to change these artitudes. The society, whose main work in the past has been the relief of the financial

the past has been the relief of the financial problems of cancer patients and their families, recently decided to set up a network of continuing care units in conjunc-tion with the NHS. So far six of these Macmillan units (named after the society's founder) have been opened at the Churchill Hospital, Oxford; Mount Vernon Hospital, Northwood; Moorgreen Hospital, Southampton; Manfield Hospital, North-ampton; Royal Victoria Hospital, Dundee; and Tornas Doe Hospital, Abandoon Formation and Tor-na-Dee Hospital, Aberdeen. Further units are being built at Nottingham

and Norwich.
I visited the Oxford unit this autumn. Most of its building costs of £350,000 were provided by a gift from Sir Michael Sobell, president of the NSCR; another £50,000 was raised by an appeal campaign organized locally by the society. The NHS agreed with the NSCR that; once built, the centre would be an integral part of the health service; its running costs and staff

are provided in just the same way as the rest of the Churchill Hospital. The unit does not, however, look like an ordinary hospital ward. It is sited at a ordinary hospital ward. It is sited at a corner of the grounds so that many of the windows overlook a golf course, and the good quality furnishings, carpeted floors, and an easy open-plan informality combine to create a relaxed, confortable atmosphere. The beds are arranged with some five-bedded units and some single rooms. These and the bathrooms, kitchens, and, indeed all parts of the unit have been fitted out with unusually careful attention to detail and without the cold austerity characteristic of most institutions.

What sort of patients are admitted to the unit? Dr Robert Twycross, the con-

the unit? Dr Robert Twycross, the con-sultant physician in charge, is adamant that it should not provide a service for patients simply to come in and die—" bed and breakfast" patients. In fact about one third of patients admitted for the first time are discharged, physically and men-tally improved, after two to three weeks. Irue, many patients do come into the unit in the terminal stages of a fatal illness, usually cancer, and they come because either they or their families cannot cope; but many others are admitted for control of their symptoms and are able to return to their homes within a week or so. Others still come in at regular intervals for five to seven days to give their families (or themselves) a break from their care at home. Almost all of the patients have cancer of some kind; the remainder include patients with other causes of intractable pain, a few young chronic sick, and some patients with progressive disorders such as motor neurone disease.

The therapeutic approach is based on providing emotional support and relief of symptoms—and on honesty. Patients may arrive at the unit despairing, but their attention is directed away from the incurability of their disease and towards the relief of anorexia, vomiting, or pain. "Death is probably the loneliest experi-

beam is probably the intenest experience any of us will have to face", says
Dr Twycross, "and those who are dying
reach out for support and companionship". The staff at the unit are aware
of this need and have been trained to
provide understanding—and to treat
priceus as intelligent adults capable of patients as intelligent adults capable of adjusting to the truth. They do not, how-ever, necessarily give a full, unqualified

diagnosis to their patients; in practice what putients seem to want is the confidence that their questions will be answered and answered without prevarication. "Listen before you leap is a good motto", says Dr Twycross, who agrees with an American authority, Dr Elizabeth Kubler-Ross, that patients take time to adjust to the realities of their disease and pass through a number of stages before accepting death—denial, anger, bargaining, depression and then finally acceptance.

The Oxford unit is intended to serve another purpose beyond the care of patients: it provides an opportunity for medical students to be taught to understand death and dying. "If we are prepared to rub shoulders with death it prevents the fear being exaggerated" Dr Twycross, The unit is visited by students during their period studying psychistry: two students in each group are allocated patients and follow them through the whole period of the attachment. Their experience helps the students. to develop a more mature, less amious approach to death, and it seems likely that they will retain this understanding whatever branch of medicine they enter. Sad!v. however, the unit has not yet-been able to operate as had been intended. Despite the commitment of the NHS when the unit was planned, the Onfordshire Area Health Authority has not been able to provide funds to open the whole unit. At present only 12 of the 25 beds are in use, and there is no immediate prospect of any change. Even so, during the first year there were 254 admissions of 1.1. different patients. Half were in their it's or 70s; only seven were under 40. All but six suffered from cancer or related disorders. Inevitably, with beds so restricted patients have to be refused admission or put on a waiting list. Both hospital doctors and general practitioners are aware of the restrictions and many patients who could benefit from admission are not being referred. For the time being the staff are pinning their hope on a possibility that their remaining beds will come into use in Arril, 1970, with the opening of phase II of the John Rad-cliffe Hospital.

Dr Tony Smith Medical Correspondent

# Miller's innings is unadventurous but an admirable one of its kind

From John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent Lahore, Dec 19

Another three or four days might have been needed for a result to be achieved in the first Test match between England and Pakistan which ended in a draw here this afternoon. After gaining a first innings lead of 119, Pakistand in their second inners were stand in their second innings were 106 for three when the stumps were pulled up, and the pitch was still crammed with runs.

The pirch was not the only reason for the deadlock. Fielding, as they did, an inexperienced side, Pakistan approached the match with understandable caution. Had they done badly here there would have been further calls for Mushtaq. Majid, Imran and Zaheer to be brought back, or bought back, from Australia. The crowds at Hyderabad and Karachi, where the two remaining Tests are where the two remaining Tests are to be played, would have been adversely affected. Dull though a lot of it was this game has served a useful purpose for Pakistan.

Once they had taken only two wickets on the first day England began to think in terms of a draw. Disturbances on the second and third days simply compounded the probable, although Pakistan still bowled well enough to provide England with some anxious bowled well enough to provide England with some anxious moments on the fourth afternoon. Their attack looked more capable than England's of taking good wickets on shirt-front pitches, primarily because their slow howler spun the ball more than Miller or Cope. Although he took only one for \$2, Abdul Qadir than the lost breaks and googlies gives his leg breaks and googlies

a real rup.

The fact that England and Pakistan scored only 801 runs in five days less an hour and a bair, and that India and Australia have already made 863 in three days in Perth, can only be neatly accounted for by the three days in resul, can only be partly accounted for by the differing conditions—a fast pitch there, a slow one here. If the next two Tests in Pakistan are not to go the same way as the one

Hookes hopes to

bydney, Dec 19.—David Hookes, an Australian batsman, hopes to leave hospital and be playing cricket again before the and of

next month.

Hookes' underwent an operation at the weekend to wire his broken jaw and cheekhone after being hit in the face by a short-pitched ball from Roberts in the match hetween the Australians and a West Indian XI here on Friday.

Hookes was still unable to speak today but was cheerful and pieus to return to Adelaide immediately. The talented jeft-handed player is one of the few Australians who have performed well against the West Indian speed attack and is determined to regain his place

By Pamela Macgregor-Morris

Elizabeth Edgar brought off a

double for the Everest Stud at

Olympia vesterday afternoon. She

Your Own Line on Everest Make

Do. by 1.6sec from her brother, David Broome, on Ballywillwill, with Eddle Macken third, one tenth of a second behind on Jabkar. And then she went on to take the Norwich Union Mistleton Steenbehase on Emerch Wellbehase

Steeplechase on Everest Wallaby, on whom she won the most covered competition of the North

American fall circuit, the New York Grand Prix in Madisca Square Garden in November,

Yorkshire Relish (formerly Chelsea Girl), the horse which the Leeds-based firm of Goodali,

Backhouse bave leased as a sub-stitute for a racing car from which they got little mileage in the way

of publicity, held the lead with Malcolm Pyran in 50.9sec, until evertaken, with a second in hand,

Brother Dominic.

Cycling

Rowland Fernyhough and

Harvey Smith failed to come to

terms with Graf, now relegated to speed competitions after Saturday alight's high jump record atempt,

MAASTRICHT, Netherlands: Six-

day professional Face: 1. C. Merck, and P. Sercu (Beleium), 359 etc. 2. D. Alisa and D. Clark, (Australia), 544 pts; 3, One tap behind, R. Pijnen

and G. Karstens (Netherlands), 473 pts; 4, W. Pengen and A. Fritz (W.

Show jumping

end of January

be back by

just finished, both sides will need to show more batting enterprise. England are no more likely to win with Boycott taking nearly six hours to score 63 than Pakistan are with Mudassar spending more than nine hours and a half over 114.

The main interest today revolved round Miller's attempt to reach his first first class 100. Having woken up with a heavy cold, and lost three of his four remaining partners in the opening 35 minutes, all to Sarfraz, his chance looked remote when Willis, the last man in, joined him, Miller at the time was 79, but Willis became determined and Miller progressed in ones and twos towards his goal. At lunch Miller was 96, Willis 14 and England 285 for nine.

Miller, by his tactics, relied heavily on Willis's continuing survival, and sadly, 2 quarter of an hour into the afternoon, Willis was caught at backward short leg, pushing forward at Qadir's googly, with Miller on 98. During the 90 minutes of his partnership with Willis he had turned down any number of long singles and taken scarcely a calculated chance. Of its kind, Miller's was an admirable innings by a cricketer who with a little more steel in his game might become a really good one.

When England last had a No 6 batsman, blaced there on meri-The main interest today revolved

When England last had a No 6 batsman, placed there on merit yet without a first-class 100 to his name, goodness knows. The last Eoglishman, then, to score his name, goodness knows. The last Englishman, then, to score his maiden 100 in a Test match is still S. C. Griffith, against West Indies at Port of Spain in 1954. Not that over the years the phenomenon has been exceptionally rare. Some 20 batsmen have done it, starting with C. Bannerman in the first of all Test matches, the concenary of which was celebrated in Melbourne in March, and ending with B. R. Taylor, of New Zealand, who did it at Calcutta in 1965. Among others, H. G. Owen-Smith Among others, H. G. Owen-Smith did it for South Africa against England at Headingley in 1929, Paul Winslow for South Africa ogainst England at Old Trafford in 1955, and F. C. M. Alexander for West Indies against Australia

when Pakistan began their second innings only three hours playing time remained. The afternoon was breezily cond; the crowd, no more than 3,000 strong, was content with a draw (the ninth in 10 Test matches between England and Pakistan in Pakistan). So a was bowled by a shooter from Lever, and Mudassar and Shaffq were both out to Willis, who thus took his fittieth and last Test wicket of 1977, on Willis, who thus took his fitteth and last Test wicket of 1977, on grounds as far apart as Melbourne and Madras, and Leads and Labore. Of England's 11 Test matches in this same calendar year, six have been won, two lost and three drawn, a big Improvement on 1976.

Test scorecard PAKISTAN: First Innings. 407 for 9 declared (Haroon Rashid 122, Mudassar Nazar 114).

Second Innings
Mudassar Nazar, c Taylor, b Willis
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Shalique Ahmed, b-low b Willis
Haroon Rashid, dot out
Javed Minadad, not out
Extras (n-b 8) Total '5 wkis' PALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-

3-15. BOWLING: Wills. 7-0-53-2: Lett. 5-0-13-1: Miller, 10-3-24-0: Old. 4-0-18-0: Cope. 3-0 -7-0: Randaul. 1-0-2-0: ENGLAND: First Tanings Rose bew, B Sauth Rala, b W. Rendall, c Wasim Rala, b Liaguat Roope, b iqbal Qasim R.J. Roope, b iqbal Qasim Miller, not opt M. Old, c Mudasaer, b iqbal im Taylor, b Sarfrez Cope, I-b-w, b Sarfrez Lover, c Wasin Bari, b Serfre.

G. D. Wills, c Iqbai Qasim,
b Abdol Cadur
Extras (b 2, l-b 8, n-b 7)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-53, 2-52, 3-10, 127, 5-152, 5-162, 7-251, 8-251, 9-253, 10-388, 80WLING: Sarfras, 34-71-58, 120,001, 27-11-11-11, Abdul Ogdir, 32, 7-2, 82-1; Igbai Qasim, 32-12, 33, 7-3, 82-1; Igbai Qasim, 32-12, 33, 7-3, 82-1; Igbai Qasim, 32-12, 33, 7-3, 82-1; Igbai Qasim, 32-12, 33, 32-12, 3

# Australians upset by lack of response to Test

Perth, Dec 19.—Austrolian cricket officials today blamed the weather for poor attendances over the first three days of India's second Test match against Austra-

second Test match against Australia here.
With the midday temperature
37 degrees centigrade only 5,281
people braved the heat yesterday ro watch the Australian cantain, Bobby Simpson, score 176
and ruin India's prospects of
winning the game and thereby
squaring the series.
Today was a rest day with
India 67 for one in their second
invincts, 75 runs ahead. The pitch
is still playing easily and a result
looks unlikely.
The crowds compare unfavourably with the improved attendBrent Ballom, the West Brent Ballom, the West Australian Cricket Association secretary, said: "We are very disappointed at the public's lack of response. I expected crowds

Elizabeth Edgar and Everest Wallaby go clear to win the Mistletoe Chase.

hympia yesterday afternoon. She list won the Raddo Rentals Take your Own Line on Everest Make by 1.6sec from her brother, larid Broome, on Ballywillwill, aith Eddie Macken third, one such of a second behind on alkar. And then she went on the Norwich Union Ciear Stakes, the main event of a second behind on alkar. And then she went on the Norwich Union Mistetoe teeplechase on Everest Walleby.

Mrs Edgar reaches Everest peaks

Everest Wallaby jumped the win-ning round in 47.5sec. Tim Grubb, the last to go, came no on Inch-

Smith and Graffin had a fence down before Roland Ferneyhough

and Judy Crago's Bonneer fell at an oxer in the final treble, amassing 171 faults.

Graham Fletcher was the first

Graham Fletcher was the first to go clear on Tauna Dora, in 37.3 sec. Geoffrey Glazzard and Penwood Forgemill cut the dime by 2.2 secs, at the expense of the middle part of the troble, before Snock pulled off the winning round in exactly 33 sec. Nelson Pesson took Moet et Chandon Chopla into second place, ball a second slower, be-

Chandon Chopin into second place, half a second slower, before Derek Ricketts took Hydrophane Coldstream who has been rested since Dublin, into third place in 34.6 sec.

Eddie Macken's challenge on

Germany). 3-15 pts; 5. G. Brans (W. Germany) and R. Schulten (Notherlands), 286 pts; 6. Two laps behind.

G. Knettemann (Notherlands) and U. Howhel (W. Germany), 337 pts; 7.

G. Riffer and G. Frank Hommer and C. Riffer and G. Hortiz (W. Germany), 235 pts; 9. Five laps behind, F. Bracke and W. Deboscher (Belgium), 178 pts;

of between 10,000 and 15,000 on the Saturday and Sunday." Some officials thought that target would have been achieved had the heat been less oppressive. When England played Australia in Perth three years ago, there were 63,000 to warch the first. were 63,000 to watch the first three days.
Simpson's astomishing comeback to Test cricket after a nineyear absence has been received 
rapturously by the Australian 
press. The Sydney Dully Telegraph, in an editorial, said:
"Apstralians everywhere are 
proud of you this morning, Bobby. 
We've got a Test team again."

Some cricket writers are concerned about who will lead the 
side after the 41-year-old Simpson, 
last "reconstanted, failing."

side after the 41-year-old Simpson,
that 'rear' the continued falling,
commented in a Sunday paper
yesterday that he could not see a
successor to Simpson unless a
canonization movement was started
on Jeff Thomson's behalf.

mum time when he went through the finish in 32.1sec, failed at the

last fence, Earlier, David Broom

last fence. Earlier, David Broome and Manhattan, teamed with Harvey Smith and Graffiti, won the Jigsaw stakes by 3.6sec from Elizabeth Edgar on Everest Makes Do and Nicholas Sketton on Everest Maybe. West Germany finished third by half a second, represented by Snoek on Rasputin and Fritz Ligges on Wappiti.

HARRIS CARPETS KNOCKOUT: 1.

H. Snoek's Rosputin 'W Germany'; 2. G. Fletcher's Builtownt Boy.

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2. G. Flotcher's Bultovant Boy.

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Flotcher's Cool Customer.

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Chandon Chippin Brazil: S. R. Ward's
Hydroplane Coldalream (D. Ricketts).

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Radici (haly), 132.42; 5. P. Schwendoner,
132.76; 6. P. Lazocher,
132.76;

Rugby Union





A stand-off half's ups and downs: Martin Cooper (right) is omitted from England's final

# England selectors audition Bignell for a major part in back row The lob of front jumper at the lineout goes to Russell Field, whose power and graft at close quarters are invaluable, and at No 4 to Maurice Colclough, whose fine performance for London last. Saturday has been suitably rewarded Bob Mordell, a flanker, is another member of that revived and reconstructed London pack who wins recognition.

Rugby Correspondent

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent
The choice of Eric Bignell at
No 8 in the senior XV, the omission of Martin Cooper from either
side, and the nomination of Bill
Beaumont as England captain, are
the most significant items in the
selections for the final trial at
Twickenham on January 7. Alan
Old, who missed the climax to the
divisional series with a rib injury,
will be stand-off half for the
sensor team in a northern alliance
with Malcolm Young.

After a solendid season for
Blackheath and Kent, to whose
progress in the county champlonship he contributed much, Bignell
may have been lucky not to have
been chosen for the London team
thrashed by the North 10 days
ago. But he was brought in acainst
South and South West last Saturday and here he is, as heir
spparent to Roger Uttley, but one
step away from his first cap, in a
position which has given the selectors considerable concern. John
Scott, who has been picked for the
Rest, might just have had an edge
against him at the weekend, but
there is no doubt about Bignell's
hard, graffing qualities and, at
6ft Sin and 16f stone, he certainly
has the strength and physical
presence for the Job.

This selection apart, the
England side is wholly as predicted yesterday, John Carleton,
the Orrell wing, being the only
other uncapped last season. But
two of that number, Alestair
Hignell (full back) and Peter
Wheeler (hooker) clearly have to
prove their complete fitness after
in wirdes.

has been a chequered one (11 cars in five seasons). Although he has paid the penalty for his poor game for the Midlands against the North. Old's fortunes (15 appearances since 1972) have followed the same in-and-out pattern. He may lack some of Cooper's pace, but, in addition to his formidable record as a points scorer with the boot, he is much more secure as a factical

officerd, in a partnership that prospered for the Midlands at Bath, they managed to resist the idea, plumping instead for yet another new alliance, John another new alliance, John Rotton and Gifford, to represent the Rest: The votatile Borton certainly played himself right back into the reckoring when replacing Old in the North's side last Saturday. But he can have his off

old in the Saurday, But he can have his off days.

The Wasps' balf backs, Ian Ball and Michael Conner, will be disappointed that their efforts for London have gone unrewarded. However, their time may come and they can afford to wair.

In giving aimost all of last season's England side the chance to defend their positions, the selectors stage as absorbing duel on a flank between Ratter, the sitting tenant, and Neary, the forward leader of the Lions in the Auckland international against New Zeeland last summer.

The Rest XV is aimost as interesting for those left out of it as for those included. There are no places for Michael Burton, Nigel French and Derek Wyatt; nor, amongst younger aspirants for Gary Cox, a young England

Niget Freuen and Derek Wyatt;
nor, amought younger aspirants
for Gary Cox, a young England
hooker, or Nigel Pomphrey, a
Bristo! lock, who has done sp
well in recent games. Pomphrey
should get his chance, in due
course, at No 8 or on a flank.
Button has readed the sightcourse, at No 8 or on a flank.

Burton has yielded the tighthead prop position to Bert
Greaves, of Moseley, a splendid,
performer in the loose, but hardly
a scrummager of the same solidity.
Barry Nelmes retains status as the
reserve at loose-head, as does the
hooker, John Raphael, who plays
all his club rugby in Ireland.

Teams for England final trial

is mich more sective as a tectical discon (Gostorth), E. Bigneti (Bleckheath), M. Refter (Bristot)].

THE BEST: D. Caplan (Headingley; R. Demming (Bedford),
to give Cooper another chance

P. Dodge (Lelcester), G. Evans

Dringe | Gifford (Moseley); B. Neimer (Harrogare), B. Corless (Moseley), J. Raphaei (Bective Rangers), W. Greaves (Moseley), M. Coldough (Sheffield), M. Young (Gosforth); R. Cowling (Licesar), Park), J. Scott (Rosslyn Park), J. Cott (Rosslyn Park), J. Cott (Rosslyn Park), J. Scott (Rosslyn Park) ingley), M. Cooper (Moseley), I. Orum (Roundbay), C. White (Gosforth), G. Cox (Moseley), N. Mantell (Rosslyn Park), G. Adey (Leicester).

But Neil Manrell, who went so well in his old position at lock, has been named as a reserve.

# Biggar leads the Scottish Probables

ables team.

Biggar, a highly successful cap-tain of the Scotland side that toured the Far East last Septem-ber, is a very experienced flauker ber, is a very experienced flanker with 10 caps.

Bruce Hay, the Boroughmuir full back, is a surprise choice on the left wing in the Blues team,

Scotland seem likely to have a new international Rugby captain this season. Michael Biggar, of London Scottish, is given the lendership of the Blues in the trial to be held at Murrayfield on Saturday, January 7 (2 pm).

Ian McGeechan, last year's but not at full bank where Irvine saptain and his predecessor, Ian McLauchlan are both in the probables team.

McLauchlan are to the living the selectors obviously want to include him in the national side, but not a

# All Blacks may tour Britain next season

Wellington, Dec 19.—New Zealand have already received approaches from British Rugby Union officials on the possibility of touring Britain next season in place of South Africa and would be considering the matter sympathetically, the chairman of the New Zealand Rugby Football Union, Ces Blazey, said today.

A South African tour of Britain in the 1978-79 season was postponed yesterday, leaving British greated sympathetically, but we received sympathetically, but we received so obtain the views of ing to the four British nome rugby unions had telephoned him this morning asking what New Zealand's reaction to an invitation to tour Britain next year would be.

"They have helped us out a couple of times in recent years, in the 1978-79 season was postponed yesterday, leaving British

### Squash rackets

### Richardson is dropped by the selectors

Gawain Briars and John Le Lievre will make their first Eog-

Lievre will make their first England appearances in the Home Internationals at Warrington on January 13-15:

John Alchardson, capped 20 times for England, has been dropped because "his contribution to the team at the world champlonships in Canada first summer did not meet expectations"; said the Squash Rackets Association who amounted the six-player team vesterday. Six-player team yesterday.

G. Briars (Norfolk). S. Courting (Cimmorgan). P. Kenyon (Lancashite). J. Le-lle (Buckinghamshire). I. Robinson (Yorkshire).

### Viren meets Quax

Auckland, Dec 19.—The Olympic 5.000 and 10,000 metres champion, Lasse Viren, of Finland, has con-firmed that he will take part in next month's international track next month's international track series in New Zealand and Australia. Viren will clash with Dick Quax at the Australian Games on January 8 and once more in Australia before the four-meeting New Zealand series opens in Wellington on January 18.—Reuter.

### Today's football

FA CUP: Second round replays: Peterborough United v Gillingham: Swansea City v Porismouth. ISTUMIAN LEAGUE: Premier divi-sion: Emilela v Boreham Wood. First division: lifera v Hornchurch.

### Golf accident could put second seed out of Cup

Correspondent

A freakish golf accident may have put J. C. Spurling (Tonbridge), the second seed, out of the H. K. Foster Cup, the schools singles championship for rackets, which begins at Queen's Club today. As Spurling hit his drive, the tee spun upwords and caught him in the eye, causing haemhorrage. A decision whether he can play will be made today.

Spurling is one of half a dozen players out of the 16 selected to be given a chance of winning what should be a very open, if not vintage, event. R. G. P. Ellis (Halleybury) is the top seed, and, providing he controls his temperament, is the best player.

A. J. B. McDonald (Malvern), joint winner of last season's doubles championship, is the most experienced player in the field, and D. T. G. Thomas (Harrow) is certainly the best all-round games player, excelling at cricket, rugby, rennis and squash. S. J. Lillyman and C. F. Worlidge are

rugby, tennis and squash. S. J. Lillyman and C. F. Worlidge are two Marlburians in the running, as is M. J. D. Paul (Harrow). as is M. J. D. Paul (Harrow).

Two Clifton players, J. J. Cooper, the number four seed, and R. S. Buras-Cox scored useful wins in the Incledon Webber Cup yesterday. Buras-Cox beat P. M. Gilliatt (Harrow), a nephew of Hampshire's cricket captain Richard Gilliatt, by 15—1, 15—8 and looked the better stroke player and server of the two. His style, and some of his facial expressions, resembled those of the

Whatley.
Cooper beat S. C. Taylor-Young (Winchesser) by 15-5, 15-12.
Here were two tall boys who tended to thrash the ball about the court without much discrimination, and Cooper was the

ation, and Looper was the stronger.
Two of the best servers, A. D. S. Prenn (Harrow), the number one seed, and A. Naylor (Marlborough), the number through unscathed, but Graham Cowdrey (Tonbridge), the youngest of the breed, met his match at the hands of M. P. Logan (Rugby) (Rugby)

(Rugby)

RENNY CUP: First round: R. D.
Abbott (Mariborough) beat A. G. M.
White (Eton) 15—9, 15—3; C. J.
Ashon (Marchester) boat R. Pinckers
(Malvern) 15—2, 15—10; J. D.
Greville-Heypate (Mariborough) beat
J. L. Chapkin (Rugby: 3—15, 15—12,
15—2, I. P. W. Low (Wellington);
beat D. C. Sykes (Malvern) 15—5,
15—3. (Charmorhouse) brait is Charmorhouse) 15—0, Burtis-Cor (Chifton) beat (Harrow) 16—1, 15—8; son: (Tonderdage) mest A. (Rusby) 15—9, 16—13: (Rusby) beat G. R. Corbridge) 15—9, 16—13: (Pullington)

# Southend find rhythm after erratic start

Southend 4 AP Learnington 0

Two goals in each half saw AP
Learnington's departure from the
FA Cup at Southend. They had
survived some fraunic pressure by
Southend United in the first half
hour of their second round replay
with their goalkeeper. O'Keefe,
making some spectacular saves.

Southend, who had shown some
erratic touches, finally broke
through by way of a penalty after
29 minutes. O'Keefe brought down
the advancing Fell and Moody
scored from the spot. Two minutes
later Parker collected a ball out
of defence and beat O'Keefe with
a fine rising drive from 25 yards.

After the break the Southern
League part-timers staged a promising recovery with Stewart
prominent. He sent Keeley away
with one chance which was headed
wide from close in. Stewart then with one chance which was headed wide from close in. Stewart then had his own shot cleared on the line by Laverick and a lob tipped

AP Learnington 0 and Vale took the lead in the 27th minute when Lamb crossed from the left. Bailey flicked the athend. They had the far post to score Four minutes after the break, Four minutes after the oreak.
Walsall equalized with a goal
from new signing King, malang
his first appearance.
Hicked on a cross from Buckley
and King dived bravely to head
home

terrible mistake from the A tercible mistake from the Vale goalkeeper. Companyhon, gave Walsall the lead in the 57th minute when he allowed a harmless-looking ground shot from the substitute Shelton to slip out of his hands and over the line. Walsall scored a third nine minutes later when a shot from Bates was deflected over Connaughton and into the far corner of the net.

had his own shot cleared on the line by Laverick and a lob tipped over by Raiter.

This was the sum of Leamington's comeback. Southend caught their defence completely off guard and slammed home two more in the space of a minute. Laverick hit the third after \$2 minutes and Morris the fourth.

Port Vale 1 Waisall 3

A strong second-half recovery gave Walsall a deserved victory in their replay at Port Valz. Both sides opened at a furious pace

Stockport 1 Shrewsbury 2

Shrewsbury Town, chasing promotion in the third division, produced a superb performance to dispose of Stockport County in the cup before a crowd of \$,370. Edgeley Park's bizgest of the season. Maguire, and Lindsay, just after the hour, pounced on defensive mistakes by the Stockport playermanager. Thompson, to put Shrewsbury Town, chasing promotion in the third division, produced a superb performance to dispose of Stockport County in the Cup before a crowd of \$,370. Edgeley Park's bizgest of the mistakes by the Stockport playermanager. Thompson, to put

### Schoolboys chase ghosts of Christmas present

By Stuart Jones 1
Public Schools 1
FA Youth XI 1 The walkie-talkie system, intro-duced into tennis by the Guerduced into tennis by the Cuerrants in the United States
recently, would not have gone
amiss at the Bank of England
ground, Rochampton, yesterday.
The afternoon fog was so thick,
that it gave a new meaning to the
phrase playing it by ear.

has been named as a reserve.

In trials this season and last David Caplan has done more than enough to win ranking as the second choice full back, as has Bob Demining, in recent markbes, or the right wing. Slemen (four caps last season) plays on the other wing with Paul Dodge and Geoffrey Evans in the contre, Dodge's presence will please those who admire his quiet skills. Evens, who still nurses a hamstring injury, has to prove his fitness by playing two games before the trial. If he does not, Andy Maxwell will play.

The scrum half reserve is phrase playing it by ear ".

Last week the northern schoolboys gave such a devastating display in attack against their
southern counterparts that they
were selected en bloc for this
encounter, Yesterday it was the
turn of their defence to show
their strength, also against
southern opposition. That they
survived the testing ordeal is to
their credit.

The Youth team, watched by Anny maxwell will play.

The scrum half reserve is Orum, a Yorksbireman wing fidnot appear in the divisional games. This means no place of any sort for Steven Smith, the regular England reserve last season.

survived the testing ordeal is to their credit.

The Youth team, watched by club scouts as well as Ron-Greenwood, the England manager, gave an early indication of their selfishness. For the first 90 seconds they kept the ball to themselves. From then on, their stirude razely changed, but the schoolboys, for the most part, chasing ghostly figures, never submitted. Bradley, between the posts, showed his agility (if not his powers of vision) and made four notable saves. In front of him, Warburton, the captain, marshalted his back four and kept the defence intact for 70 minutes. I had hoped to see Peter Wheeler named as England captain, but perbaps the selectors have not quite forgiven him yet for a trip to Paris two years ago when, having amounced himself fit to play, he had to writidraw from the side. May Besumont prove the motivator and factical thinker his country needs. the defence intact for 70 minutes. It was then that Carter took advantage of a lapse of concen-

clurch of blue and white shirts, and bounced free for Day to prod home from five yards. The amateurs' morale and heads dropped and fitness began to take its toll.

It seemed as though the profes-sionals, with their experience, had struck at the right psychological struck at the right psychological moment.

But, with 10 minutes left, Burns's fine through ball sent Clegs away on the left. He threaded his way through the mist and along the byeline, to provide. Mackinrosh with the chance to bundle in the equaliser. As the rell of white grew thicker, the Youth team almost snatched a late winner, by the sound of it anyway. It would not have been just. As Mr Greenwood said later, the difference between the two groups is now so narrow as to make no difference. The scoroline is a fitting, testimony.

Public Schools: F. Bradler Hnimos; P. Alkinson Bury, R. Wirburton (Bury). I. Johnson (DECS, Burkhour). G. Wann (CECS, Burkhour). J. Rums (Shrewbhor). R. Kelonley (DECS, Burkhour). J. Rums (Shrewbhor). R. Kelonley (DECS, Buckburn). G. Glegs (Hulme). The Rums (Shrewbhor). G. Glegs (Hulme). The Rums (Shrewbhor). G. Glegs (Hulme).

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The following 17 players were selected to represent the Public Schools in the Schools Festival Bradley, P. Iovell (Renton); Askinson, Warburton, Johnson, Mann, S. Lee (Manchester CS), Neighber, Mackinston, Clean, D. Simpson (Brentwood). C. Turner (Latymer Upper).

### miss visit of MacLeod

Jim Holton, Coventry's internatoday's fourth round League Cup replay against Liverpool. Holton, a 26-year-old Scot, has been undergoing intensive treatment on a cale muscle strain. "It's still very sore and I don't think I shall make it ", he said yesterday. There was good news, however,

of Coventry's other injured player, their 22-year-old goalkeeper, Jim Blyth. His bruised thigh muscle has responded well to treatment and Gordon Milne, Coventry's manager, said he was certain to

play;
Holton's absence will be a
double blow for the player. Scot-land's ream manager, Ally
MacLeod, will be at the match and

MacLeod, will be at the match and Holom was hoping to impress. Mine will select his side after training today but it is expected to be that which lost to Arsenal on Saturday.

The make-up of Liverpool's team hinges on a fitness test for Steve Heighway, who missed Saturday's win over Queen's Park Rangers, because of a leg strain. If Heighway is fit he can expect a recall, although Bob Paisley, Liverpool's manager, defers final selection, naming a pool of 13 players.

Mr. MacLeod will be particularly naming a pool of 13 players.

Mr. MacLeod will be particularly interested in six players. Blytin, Bobby McDonald, Tommy Hurchison and Ian Wallace are possibles for the World Cop finals in the Coventry team. Blyth is a powerful candidate for one of Scotland's few problem positions,

Alan Hansen and Kenny Datglish are Liverpool's Scotla. Mr. Paistey is trying hard to strengthen his side before the hatway mark in the league season, Liverpool bave failed in bids for Souness and Jordan and, for the time being have lost the consistency which has been their hallmark for so many seasons.

### future at Craven Cottage

Edward Burston, a Lloyd's underwriter and lifelong Fulham supporter, will have to talk to one of three arbitrators appointed by the club's present chairman, Ermie Clay, if he wishes to join the board and perhaps become chairman.

"Mr Burston has had plenty of opportunity to talk to me and hasn't done so", Mr Clay said yesterday. "Now if he wishes to diarrase Fulham he can first speak nash't done so ", Mr Clay said, yesterday, "Now if he wishes to discuss Fulham he can first speak with Mr Jim Gregory of QPR, Mr Brian Mears of Chelsea or Mr Brian Winstone of Orlene." Earlier, Mr Burston had indicated he was willing to meet Mr Clay to talk over Fulham's futing.

finance.

"Fusham is an old and loved club to a lot of people". Mr Burston said vesterday, "and is nobody else has come forward to save the club I have been dragged into the affair, partly by luck and, partly by fate.

FA Cup

Tennis

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Second round replays Suctions (0) 1 Shrewbury Prudham Haystre, Endayy Winners sway to Blackhorn Port Vale (1) 1 Waisalf (0) Beemish King, Shelton, 7,051 Rates Winners home, to Portsmouth or Swansea Santhend (2) 6 Learnington (6) 6 Mondy John 5,879 Parker, Leverick, Morris Winners away to Derby

SOUTHERN LEAGUE CUP: Third round, roplay Hillingdon y Wealdstone, postponed, fog. First division: South: Tonbridge 5, Chelmeford 2, TSTMMIAN LEAGUE CUP: Second dublifying round: Faraborough 5, Weidingham 9. SCHOOLS MATCHES: Public Schools XI 1. FA Youth XI 1. Bertshire Schools 2. Public Schools II O. RUCBY UNION: Schools matches:
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United States

### Scotland's dates

Brussels, Dec 19.—The dates of matches to be played in group 2 of the European football championship next year, were settled today. They are August 30: Norway v Austriz: September 9: Beigiam v Norway: Austriz: September 9: Beigiam v Norway: Austriz: September 9: Beigiam v Norwaber 26: Scotland v Norwaber 18: Austria v Bortugal v Scotland: September 29: Fortugal v Scotland: February 2 (1970: Scotland v Belgium; March 28: Beigium; May 10 of 15: Norway v Perugai: Jume 6: Norway v Scotland: August 29: Austria v Norway.

Ice hockey

MATIONAL LEAGUE: New York Rangers 6. Detroit Red Wings 3: Boston Bruins 2. Circeland Barrons 1: Chicago Black Hawis 5. Asiantz Flames 0: Montroil Canadiens 2. Philadelphia Flyers 0. WORLD ASSOCIATION: Birmingha Bulls 5. Edmonton Ollers 2: Winnip Jets 7. New Eggland Whalers 5.

Tennis

early lead

Adelaide, Dec 19.—The United States took a 2—0 lead in their tennis challenge against Austrolia by winning both opening singles matches here tonight. Vitas Gerulaitis beat Tony Roche, 6—2, 3—6, 6—1 and Roscoe Tanner defeated John Alexander, 6—4, 7—6, leaving Australia needing to win, both of tomorrow's reverse singles to-force a deciding doubles. Gerulaitis took only 70 minutes to dispose of Roche, outclassing

to dispose of Roche, outclassing, him with his speed and more positive play in the opening set. The American appeared to less concentration in the second set, after going a service break ahead in the opening game, but the in the opening game, but the final set had the crowd applauding his aristry as he cruised effort lessly to victory. The second match was marked

by service power and there was only one break, in the third game of the opening set when Tanner, broke Atexander. The second set went with service to six-all, then Tanner took the de-break by sevend points to four. Reuter.

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# New European Open will be first staged in England

Golf Correspondent

-A new European Open golf championship, which will be harked by some of the Continent's higgest industries, was announced ingest moustries, was amounced for next autumn yesterday. Total prize money of at least \$80,000, which its higher than any of the other Professional Golfers Association events, except the World Matchiplay championship; will be found by sponsors from several will be held "pear London" from October 19 to 22.

The date will make it possible for the best American players to compete, since their official season will have ended by then, although the lateness in the year will sev-erely restrict the size of the field." But the promotors intend to make this an elite event and have already secured Jack Nicklaus as chairman of the advisory board

Multi-sponsored events find linic chance of publicity through the press but television coverage for all four days has been secured for an tour cays has been secured by Independent Broadcasting Authority. The tournament will finish on Sunday in common with some 15 other events next year. Play an Sunday has been common enough on the Continent in recent years, but next year there are signs of the tendency spreading to Britain.

Two events on the tour, the French Open and the PGA championship, sponsored by Colgate, will Buish on a Monday; the Tournsment Players championship and the World Match-play are both hoping to draw bigger crowds

Next year's leading fixtures

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Senior Match-Play final, Wallecraiga.

by using the full weekend. Whether it will have the desired effect remains to be seen. My feeling is that although Sunday

October

### President's Putter has another record entry

by Feter Kyde

Entries for the President's.

Putter at Rye next mouth, the
draw for which event is neitent
below, first jumper or be indicate
level yet. The total of 136 is
imore than can be handled conventiently in the customary four
days of the fournament and, unless
there are eight withdrawals between now and the beginning of tween now and the beginning of January, a small preliminary round will be played on Wednesday at Rye, an unprecedented step for an event which, because of the uncertainties of the waither, has been subject to much logenity in its form. weather, has been subject to much ingenuity in its form.

The number of entries exceeded 100 for the first time in 1972 at the time of the centenary celebrations of the Oxford and Cambridge Goffing Soriety and has not since Tallen below that figure. It owes a good deal to the support of the younger members. In this year's field are soven undergraduates from both universities, which is most of those eligible; the developing champion, Alan Holmes, wand 10 winners of the event since 1960. The first round draw is:

T. M. Powell V. M. G. Jerrom: M. A. Derberg, W. J. Bellische V. M. R. D. Coleridge; W. J. Bellische V. M. R. D. Coleridge; W. J. Bellische V. M. R. D. Coleridge; W. J. Bellische V. G. Nerell; W. J. Griefler, W. J. Bellische V. G. Nerell; W. J. Griefler, W. J. Bellische V. G. Nerell; W. J. Griefler, W. J. Bellische V. G. Nerell; W. J. Griefler, W. J. Bellische V. G. Nerell; W. J. Griefler, W

# World Cup dilemma for Irish and Welsh players

Ragiand and Scotland should have no problems selecting players who are exempt from Open qualifying; but Ircland bave only one, Eannonn Darry, and Wales none.

Brian Huggett, a Welshman, who captained Britain's Ryder Cup team this year and has twice fluished third in the Open, is among those who could face the problem. "I am not exempt from Open qualifying next year so if I win selection for Wales in the World Cup I will have to decide which event to play in "he said. At least two Weishmen and one Irishman will have to decide next year whether to represent their tountry in the World Cup tournament, or try to qualify for the Open championship.

The World Cup, for teazes of two, will be played at Waterville, incland, from July 6-9, the middle two dates of which are also those for the Open qualifying rounds. Those chosen for the World Cup tho do not have Open exemption will not be able to play in both events.

### Latest European snow reports

Conditions Off Runs to piste resort Depth Pisto Fine Courmayour 50 100 Fa Worn lower, south facing slopes Fair Varied Fair ns Montana 20 190 Good skiing conditions Crans Montana Varied Good Worn areas on highest slopes e d'Oulx 8 40 Wort patches on most slopes Fair Varied Worn Heavy Poor 10 40 Few runs open Varied Fair Verbler
Worr patches on lower slopes Fair Varied Pose Fine neen 5 20 Lower south facing slopes icy Icy

In the allowe reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following reports have been received from other sources:



# Relight to keep Price's winter flame burning

be even better now. Gifford also remarked that he was of the opinion that Mannyboy could be just the right type for a race like the Welsh. Grand National at Chepstow in February and that suggests to me that he ought to be capable of winning today's race at the expense of Doo'cob Park, with only 10 stone on his back:

Winter has three fancied runners this afternoon. They are

Winter has three fancied runners this afternoon. They are Indian Clown (12.45), Rough and Tumble (2.45) and Mauridus (3.15). Even if Indian Clown is beaten by Relight, Rough and Tumble and Mauritius can at least ensure that John Francome's long journey from Lambourn is worth the effort. Rough and Tumble has not lived up to expectations so far this season, but he should still be good enough to win the Aldington Novices Handicap Steeplechase.

Fresh from winning over three miles at Cheltenham, Mauritius ought to be good enough to win his division of the Hawkinge Novices Hurdle at the end of the day.

Novices Hurdie at the end of the day.

In London yesterday their talented stable companion, Midnight Court, was all the rage in the ante-post market. After his victory in the SGB Steeplechase at Ascot on Saturday one intrapid punter, had as much as 22,000 each way on him at 10-1 with Ladbrokes for the Gold Cup at Cheltenham in March. As a result Ladbrokes have now shortened his price to 8-1. They also reported more heavy backing for Fort Devou to win the King George VI Steeplechase at Kemnion Park on Boxing Day. His price is now down to 2-1.

Fog puts paid

to Ludlow

Racing Correspondent

Racing Correspondent
Ryan Price was the leading trainer under National Hunt rules five times between 1954 and 1967, but unlike Vincent O'Brien who was the champion trainer before him Price did not abandon his interest in jumping altogether when he decided to concentrate on flar racing. He usually keeps a handful of horses in strong work during the winter to keep himself and his lads amused and time has shown that those few are invariably worth following. has lost its religious significance for many it is still the day when Britons tend to stay at home and

This afternoon Price's unmistaleable figure will be seen at Folkestone saddling Relight. furthe first division of the Hawkinge Novices Hurdle. Comparatively little has been seen or heard of this nice five-year-old since he won three races on the flat in Ireland last year, but raiking to Price recently. I was left in no doubt that we would be both seeing and hearing a lot more of him in the future and that he could be expected to make his mark in this country before long. Today Relight's opposition is far from strong and it seems that Price has found the ideal opportunity for him to begin to make a contribution powards his keep.

Fred Winter and Josh Gifford This afternoon Price's unmisthe British Airways tournament in Jersey and, for one year, the European Open. Speculation as towhere the second event will be held eliminates Wentworth, where the World March play will have been held the week before, and is turning to Walron Beath as one of the few courses in the Loudon area of sufficient stature to match up to the high expectations of the sponsors.

A split between the British PGA and continental interests has been avoided by introducing a compromise solution to the problema caused by the appearance in force this year of Americans in Europe who did not hold American PGA cards. Some of them, specially Bob Byman, enjoyed considerable success, which led the British to resent their appearance. a contribution nowards his keep.

Fred Winter and Josh Gifford were Price's stable jockeys at Findon during those golden years and already it is clear that much of it's experise' rubbed off on them because they have both done conspicuously well sloce teby gave up race-riding and began training. Today both Gifford and Winter will also be fielding fancied runners at Folkestone and it is not difficult to envisage them winning a prize or two as well. Gifford appears to have a good chance of winning the Whitelaw Gold Cup for his owner, Frank Pullen, with Mannyboy, who won the Woldston Steeplechase at Nottingham eight days ago.

Yesterday's Ludlow fixture—abandoned at 13.10—became the seventh casualty of the current Nadonal Hunt season, but the first because of, fog.

After three postponements the stewards decided that conditions were unsafe. The only people able to take some small consolation were the 13 jockeys who weighed out for the first race and were therefore entitled to a full fee. Steeplechase at Nottinghem eight days ago.

After he had seen Mannyboy win that day, Gifford said that he was surprised as much as pleased because he thought that Mannyboy would need the race and that he was not fit enough to win. The fact that he was able to win and win well in spite of being backward suggests that he ought to

Hitch in jockeys' wage rise

against the racing authorities who he riding fee for jockeys.

The Jockeys' Association and the Racchorse Owners' Association are agreed last month to the increase but this has been rejected by the Joint Racing Board, the organization made up by three members and the riding fee for jockeys.

and owners associations and they are seeiing legal advice. In a foint statement: "Object strongly to the attitude adopted by the racing authorities in a matter which involves only owners and



Lighter makes superb

New Zealand bred Royal Stnart to victory in the first division of the Christmas Tree Novices' Steeplechase he was completing a flouble for the second successive

racing day. It was his fourth win from his last four rides, and Mellor, too, was bringing off a similar feat with his last four

Erora is fast becoming a specialist at Keiso. He has only won five races, and the game eightyear-old lauded his fourth success over the Scottish comme when backing up by 15 lengths from Tumbeleens in the St Boswells Handicap Chase yesterday.

A. O'Hagan 7

first appearance

Lighter, one of the most expensive flat horses to come into jumping this season, made an impressive first appearance at the winter tame when he won the three-mile Mistletoe Hurdle in heavy going at Leicester yesterday by 15 lengths. The Aureole coit returned with a nasty cut on his off-fore leg, but, after a couple of stitches John Edwards, his trainer, pronounced him alright. Edwards paid 16,500 guiness at the Newmarket autumn horses in maining sale for Lighter, who was relegated to third place after going under by a short head to Move Off in the Tote Ebor Handicap at York in August.



.15 HAWKINGE HURDLE (Div II : Novices : £389 : 2m 4f)

2.45 ALDINGTON STEEPLECHASE (Novices bandicap: £798:

Folkestone selections

Leicester results

ran. TOTE: Win. 41p: places, 11p, 26p, 2p; dual forecast, 53p. J. Edwards, Leominster, 15t, 10t.

1.0 (1.1) CHRISTHAS PUDDIN MURDLE (Handican: £362: 2mi)
Pergiaa Twilighi, b 8. by Twilight Aller-Arzoodoki (G. Munslow).
9-10-9 . D. Cartwright (8-1)
Merry Laga . G. McCourt (8-1)
Triple . N. Clay (12-1)

Triple ... McCourt (8-1) 2
AISO RAN: 3-1 fav Happy Call,
9-2 Blasta Blaze, 15-2 Misdeal, 7-1
Taithful Mata i4th, 8-1 Ancient
Metody (p), 10-1 Knave of Hearts,
14-1 Mallion, 35-1 Tuders Rusabout,
11 run.

1.50 (1.33) CHRISTMAS TREE STEEPLECHASE (Div 1: 5599; 2 ml) Royal Stuart, b g. by Bally Royal —Shamayra (J. Beng), 6.11-9 P. Blacker (J-1) † Haigo ..... R. Linkey (50-1) 2

Also RAN: 100-30 Trip J (p), 7-2
Kellder Forest (1th), 20-1 William
Penn, 33-1 King'a Flipp, 80-1 Beck's
Call, Capp Farm (p), Aorist (r), Fruit
Picker, Jolly Sweet, 12 ran,
TOTE: Win, 45p; places, 15p, 22.52,
11p: dual forecast, with any other
horse, 29p, 8, Mellor, at Lambourn,
1-2, 201 Spartan Tudor did not run.

By Our Racing Correspondent 12.45 RELIGHT is specially recommended, 1.15 Complicity, 1.45 Manny-boy, 2.15 Gldi Pass, 2.45 Rough and Tumble, 3.15 Mauritius. By Our Newmarket Correspondent 12.45 Beechway. 1:15 Downing Arms. 1.45 Doo'Cot Park. 2.15 Cinchid. 2.45 Saintly Purchase. 3.15 Privy Stamp.

2.0 (2.1) HOLLY STEEPLECHARE (Handkap: £729: 5m) Handicap: 279: 5ml
Stubifek. th p. by Fury Royal—
Linesa II (7). Worley: 7:10-12
J. Francore: 19vens [27]
Sonny Somers. P. O'Brien (141) 2
Battis Hyern K. Whyle (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 100-30 Set Point (4th).
13-1 Bighmm. 14-1 Buckshell. 18-1
Boundha Charles. 20-1 Post Sareo.
25-1 Ronson Avenus. 80-1 Laarte.
10 ran.
TOTE: Whn. 13p; places. 38p. 72p.
13p; dual forecast. 22-77. R. Head.
Lembourn 21-1. A.
2.30 (2.83) Chartesase. 12.30 (13.32) MISTLETOE HURDLE (4-y-0: 25)6; 5m) 14-y-0: 2516; 5m)
Lighter, b c. by Aureole—Raft (J.
Edwards: 10-7
Ruchwiere .... R. Autems (6-1) 2
Island Star .... Pearco (16-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 3-1 Sir Gayle (p), 4-1
Statfold Pride, 12-1 The Rummel (p), 50-1 Twilight Gold, Pary Spirit (4th).

(2.52) CHRISTMAS TREE EPLECHASE (Novices: DIV II) STEEDLECHASE (Novices: Div II: 2561: 25m)
Fig. b 9 by Le Fabaleux—Fig. Taille (A. Cloret, 8-11-2 gev) 7
Rathdaniel J. Francome (5-7) 2
Wilfrae P. Haynes (7-2 gev) 7
Rathdaniel J. Francome (5-7) 2
Wilfrae P. Blacker (11-4) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 Ster of the Arctic, 11-3 El Menino (4th., 12-1 Oh Jimmy 1 p), 13-1 Arctic Granada, 20-1
Dovits Soldier, 25-1 Tombrue 1025-1 Auchineck (p), 40-1 Morsy Lodge, 66-1 E.g Muddy (1), Kevin's Silgoer (1), Capith Hardy 10), Go's Silgoer (1), Capith Hardy 10), Go's Wilfabout (p), 15 ran.
TUTE: win, 400; places, 20p. 24p. 5.0 (3.2) NY HURDLE (Handkap \_ C561: 2m) Poperbeck (G. Tepper), 4-11-4
Corpan Web (12-11 124)
ALSO RAN: 7-1 Contle Knight, 12-1
Longarya, Sancting Giff (12-11 124)
Ambition (Experiment Major Crists
(Ab) 13-1 Fob. 9 ram.
(Ab) 13-1 Fob. Web (13-11)
(Ab) 13-1 Fob. Web (13-11)
(Ab) 13-1 Fob. 14-1 Fob

Weather All, ch h, by Aureole-Envy (6-11-10 bil Envy (6-11-10 bl. Ligant (12-1, 1)
Table Water S. Houlker (4-1) 2
Partier B. Holohan (5-2 er 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Om Shroe. 8-1
Tully Fowm. 10-1 Pare Up. 12-1
John B. Spanish Carrency: 10 ran. TOTE: Win. £1.09; places, 500, 310, 11p; dual forecast, £7.92. J. Wilson, at Mathorwell, 124, 11. 12.45 (12.45) ST BOSWELLS STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £351: 2m 196yd: Brora, gr a by Pannicy Pink Tweed (8-11-7) Tumbelessa Mr T. G. Dun (3-2) 1 Winter Chines J. Toland (13-8 fav) 3 ALSO RAN: 10-3 Peapack (4fbr. 35-1 Follow Me (17. 5 ran. TOTE: Win, 24p; dual forecast, 46p, W. Crawford, at Haddington, 151, 21-1. .15 (1.17) BIRCHAM HURDLE (DIV : Novices: £306: 2m) I: Noviene: £306: 2m1
Rederick Dhie, b g, by Mountain
Clim-Whalt (4-10-21)
Midsummor Chat J. O'Nelli (13-2)
Misty Miss ... C. Baskins (5-1) 3 ALSO BAN: 100-30 Border Drum-mer. 9-2 Huntertombe Lad. 12-1 Harrdy Hedges (Alb.), 14-1 Balisrest. Satherne, 16-1 Glendarust. 20-1 Okand-ford Bridge. Cashas. 35-1 Crainstane. My Story. Fight Lass, Karanoz, Sam-buru. 16 hun.

Warwick selections

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2.30 Couteau.

Kelso

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3.0 HAMPTON HURDLE (Handicap : £524 : 2m 5f)

12.30 Gala Lad. 1.0 Baltinlonig. 1.39 Game David. 2.0 Lean Forward. 2.30 Great Brig. 3.0 Royal Gaye.

1.45 (1.46) LAUDER STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: 2836; 3m) Brown Earman, br g, by Cherubino
—Bar Maid (5-11-11) G.
Faunaer (9-1 far)
Fine Fellow ... K, Gray (10-1)
Cancot ... R, Lamb (10-1) (3.15 (12.16) EARLSTON HURDLE (Handleyp; £326; 2m) ALSO RAN: 5-2 Tommy Joe, 4-1 ag Party (4th: 7-1 Millhouse Boy Stag Party TOTE: Win. 51p; places, 17p, 50p dual forecast, £1.17. W. A. Stephenson at Bishop Auckland, 201, 121. 2:15 (2:17) GATTONSIDE STEEPLE CHASE (Novices: 2510: 2m, 6D) Shirello ch g, by Bargello Staresco (8-10-9) D. Turnbull (20-1) Stare Lady ... K. Cray (11-4) King Rose ... L. Lungo (20-1) King Rese L. Lungo (20-1) a ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Bal's Slav (4th), 9-3 Gleen (f), 8-1 Mesdov Manor (p), 19-1 Drameen, 14-1 Cod Of Henour (p), 30-1 Hedrek, 35-Elarick Son (p), 10 ran. TOTE: Win, £6,86; places, 41,15p, 71p; deal forcest, £4,14 Maclaggart, at Jodburgh, 15t, 3d. II: Novices: 2306: 2m.)

Black Market, bl. 6. by Darek H.—
Fashionable Lady (4-10-11) K.
Cray (15-2) Tatora ... C. Hawkins (11-1) 2

Rocabert ... R. Lamb (5-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 1-2 fav Nellvo's Lady (1, 7-1 Coo) 5 lloam, 10-1 Cannes Beach, 14-1 Joseph Brig, 20-1 Sois Sam (43), 35-1 Chenney Gir. Clear Cry. Bashy Sakit, Moke., Recoil. 13

Fig. 70075 July 2306 2006 TOTE: Win. £1.87; places, 42a; 12a; 28p; dual forcast, £4.46. G, Booth, et Whitwell. Nk, 6l.

Law Report December 19 1977 Court of Appeal

# Patient cannot compel home nursing service

Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rells, Lord Justice Roskill and Lord Justice Browne

Where an area health authority had provided home nursing under section 25 of the National Heelth Service Act, 1946, for a woman suffering from multiple scierosis suffering from multiple scierosis but the community nursing staff had said that they could not continue to provide the nursing service because of her husband's "aggressive, abusive and threatening" behaviour towards them, the authority could not be compelled by an order of mandamus to resume the service.

The Court of Appeal refused in ex parte application by Mrs. June Lillian Wyatt, of High Road, June Island Wyatt, or right Rodal, Cowley, Middlesex, for leave to move for such an order directed to the Hillingdon Area Health Authority notwithstanding the refusal of the such leave by the Divisional Court on December 2.

Section 25 wrounder: The field Section 25 provides: "It shall be the duty of every local health authority to make provision in their area. - for securing the attendance of nurses on persons who require health area. who require nursing in their own

Mr John Friet for Mrs Wyatt.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS
said that Mrs Wyatt was sick with
the cripping disease of disseminated sclerods, She had got to
the stage where she was unable
to walk, or use her arms, and
she could do hardly anything for
herself. She was in great need of
nursing assistance. It was the dury
of the health authority under the
statute to make provision for the
attendance of nurses for people
requiring nursing in their own
home. The authority said that it

Authority, Ex parte Friel said that it had not.
The husband, Mr Wyatt, was himself an invalid; they had children and the whole family When the mursing staff went to the Wyatte' house, they were abused by Mr Wyatt. He accused them of being unpunctual. Ill behaviour was aggressive, abusive and threatening, Mr Wyatt had been asked in March, 1977, by the solicitors for the authority to give an assur-ance that he would cease to behave in a rude, aggressive and hostile manner to the numing

hostile manner to the nursing staff. He refused to give any undertaking.

On July 5 the authority's solicitors nold Mr and Mes Wyan's solicitors that the nursing staff had indicated that they could not continue to provide a home nursing service for her after July 7 because they considered Mr Wyan's behaviour to be aggressive, abusive and threatening towards them? and none of them was willing to continue to visit the home. continue to visit the home.

In those circumstances was the health authority bound to do more than it had already than? Was it hound to go or sending asses? Mr Frie'l said that it was; that husband and wife were different persons; and that the nursing services were for Mrs Wyatt and Mr Wyatt's behaviour was no answer to the authority's dury to his wife.

In his Lordship's opinion the application was doing all that could repeated of it. It could not be expected of it. It could not be expected to do more. The application should be dismissed.

Lord Justice Roskill and Lord Justice Browne agreed.

Privy Council

### **Exemption of passengers** in car insurance

minior tear with his last four runners.

The Mellor-Blacker run came to an end when Willrae could finish only third in the second division of the Christmas Tree Novices' Steeplechase to the Derek Kent-trained Fin.

Somy Somers made a gallant stempt at the age of 15, to record his twenty-second win for Dr Paul Brown in the Holly Handicap Steeplechase, but found the steadily improving Stublick two and a half lengths two good. Stublick, with whom Richard Head, a Lambourn trainer, has shown infinite patience, was gaining a third successive victory for Terry Worley, the owner, and scoring for the fifth time in nine starts spanning three seasons.

Brora is fast becoming a Tan Keng Hong and Another v New India Assurance Co Ltd Before Lord Salmon, Lord Edmund-Davies, Lord Russell of Killowen, Lord Scarman and Sir Harry Gibbs

The provision in a motor insur-nice policy that the insurers should not be liable for injuries should not be liable for injuries to passengers except those carried "by reason of or in pursuance of a contract of employment" did not except a person carried merely because the driver of the insured vehicle mought that by reason of the passenger's employment he might gain a business advantage by giving the passenger a lift.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council dismissed an appeal by Tan Kenn Hood, and indemnity instructions. ing their claim for an indemnity from the New India Assurance Company Lm in respect of an award of damages against mem for negligence.

Mr Nigel Murray for the appel-ones; Mr George Newman for ORD SALMON driver of a lorry belonging to a timber company which had a timber concession in the jungle at Buldt Tinggi in Malaysia, gave a lift to a forester employed by a lift to a forester employed by the Forestry Department. During the journey from Kuela Pilah to Seremban the lorry overturned and the forester was killed. The administrator of his estate sued both th driver and the timber company and obtained damages on the ground that both accident and been caused by on me ground that both actinging and death had been caused by their negligence. The timber company claimed an indemnity from their insurers (the respondents) in respect of the damages and costs.

dents) in respect of the damages and costs.

Before the accidem it had been usual for timber lordes to give lifts to foresters both to the logging areas and to Seremban. The forester's duty was to inspect lorry loads of logs at checking stations or on their way to the saw mills to ensure that the royalties due on the logs had been paid by the timber companies. There was no evidence that the forester was on duty at the material time or that he was going to Seremban other than for private furposes. The lorry driver said in evidence that he agreed to give the forester a lift because he feared that if he refused it might amony the forester and cause him to create difficulties for the timber company's insurance policy provided that the faster is the faster of the death of any person being carried in the lorry other than "a passenger contried by reason of or in pursuance of a contract of employment", and it was clear that the result of the appeal turned on whether the forester was such a person.

It was conceded by the timber

was such a person. It was conceded by the timber company that the forester was not being carried "in pursuance of his contract of employment, but it was contended that he was carried "by reason of his con-tract of employment," because

sense. The works "by reason of the contract of employment" had to be "est in conjunction with "in pursuance of " and properly construct of employment expressly or impliedly required the employment or gave him the right, to travel as a passenger in the motor relationship to the contract of the contract of the motor of the contract of the motor of the contract of the motor of the contract of the c rehide concerned. It did no mean that the passenger was below carried because the driver of the vehicle throught that by reason, of the passenger's employment he the passenger's employment he might gain some business advantage by doing the passenger the favour of giving him a lift.

Lord Wright in Izzard v Universal Insurance Co Ltd ([1937] AC 773) referred to "sufficient business or practical reasons" for a person being on the insured vehicle and in their Lordships' view used the word "practical" as being synonymous with "business or practical as the control of the view used the word "practical" as being synonymous with "business" reasons. In the justant as being synonymous with "business" reasons. In the instant case the forester was on the lorry for personal reasons and not for those of business. Nor was there anything to suggest that his contract of employment so far as he or his employers were concerned could have any connection with his presence on the lorry. In McSteen w McCarthy (1952) NI 33) Lord MacDermott was of the opinion that the plaintaft's right to travel in the insured vehicle could not be dissociated from his employment and that he was a person carried "by reason of or in pursuance of a copract of employment".

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reason of or in pursuance of a comparet of employment."

Those two authorities and all the others cited in argument before the Board made it plain that whether a passenger was carried by reason of or in pursuance of a contract of employment depended solely upon the terms of the passenger's employment. In the instant case there was no term of the forester's contract of employment; express or implied, which required on entitled him to be carried on the timber company's lorry. The absence of a prohibition to accept entitled him to be carried on the timber company's locay. The absence of a prohibition to accept lifts could not be regarded, as evidence that he was being carried by reason of such a contract, still less could the fact that the lorry driver gave the lift because he thought that by reason of the forester's employment it might be good for business to do so. The appeal should be dismissed.

Solicing: Philip Congret Solicizors : Philip Conway Thomas & Co ; Coward Chance.

### Kruggerand case for EEC court

Regina v Thompson and Others to a smelting firm in Germany.

The Court of Appeal (the Lord The smelters had paid for the The Court of Appeal (the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Justice Bridge one smerrers had paid for the coins partly by Krugerrands. The appellants were charged with offences of fraudulently evading the prohibition on the exportation of silver alloy coins and on the importation of gold coins. They appealed against conviction of and Mr Justice May), in a case involving charges of importing gold Krugerrands and exporting silver coins, referred to the European Court of Justice a number of questions on the interpretation of articles 67 to 74 of the EEC Treaty (which provide for the abolition of restrictions on capital movements) and articles 30 to 37 (which prohibit quantitive restrictions on imports and exports and measures having equivalent effect).

The appellants had been involved in varying degrees in buying up about 40 tons of old sixpenny pieces and sending them

Treaty.

The questions referred were (1) whether the coins were either in principle or in the circumstances. "capital" within the meaning of articles 67 to 74; (2) if so, whether that excluded the applicability of articles 30 to 37; and (3) to the extent that articles 30 to 37; amilied, whether "public 30 to 37 applied, whether " public policy " in article 36 (which justifies restrictions on certain grounds) - justified restrictions on the basis of economic considera-

appealed against conviction on points of law concerning the REC

Assault by doctor

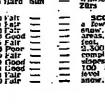
Dr Nanda Kumah, aged 31, who admitted at Stockport Magistrates Court, Greater Mattchester, yesterday, of in-decently assaulting a girl of 13, was sentenced to six months imprisonment but was refused.

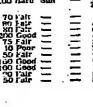
'Life' for killing girl

Ross Gordon, aged 18, a labowrer, of Pembroke Street, Salford, Greater Manchester, was jailed for life at Manchester Crown Court yesterday .for murdering Beyerley Mersden, aged 17, his former fiancée.



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Towards Another Picture (Nottingham Castle, until January 25) is an exhibition which has been awaited with some mas been awaited with some eagerness and some apprehension in art circles. It has been organized for the Midland Group by Andrew Brighton and Linda Morris (who is its exhibitions officer) and was preceded by some preliminary salvoes In an article in Studio Inter-

national at the beginning of this year, Official Art and the this year, Official Art and the Tate Gallery. Andrew Brighton attacked the policy of the Tate: "This 'definitive' collection of British painting excludes virtually all contemporary painters whose work explicitly serves or evokes the emotional lives and beliefs of any section of the general rub. any section of the general public. So not only are painters popular in reproduction excluded, but also portrait painters. The work of artists who have a different and often larger effectual public than the art world are denied the status of art by the Tate."

Writing about an exhibition of drawings by Terry Atkinson, based on photographs from the Imperial War Museum, in The Imperial War Museum, in The Listener at about the same time. (January 27, 1977), Linda Morris wrote: "Atkinson's exhibition suggests that modera art has tried to conform public opinion to a single set of values rather than attempt to though the differencer than to show the differences that coexist in this and other countries. If that is the case, and it is an opinion that is gaining ground among artists, we can expect some major changes in the order of modern arr his-tory, and the artists our institutions encourage."

Morris is now showing Arkinson's exhibition at the new premises of the Midland Group which have recently opened at 24-32 Carlton Street, in the Lace Market area of Nortingham. This is intended to reinforce some of the points made by the archibition she made by the exhibition she and Brighton have put on up To outflank their attack, the

Tate has arranged, simultaneously with the Nortingham exhibition, a small display of work entitled 1935, which is intended to be a cross-section (but limited by the fact that all the works are from the Taxe's collection) of work done during that year. What this reveals is a point made already in Brighton's Studio attack on the Tate, that between the wars the Tate bought a broader spectrum of art being produced in Britain, whereas over the past two decades or so it has bought exclusively from an officially approved "Avant-

garde". The exhibition at Nortingham Castle could be taken to represent roughly how the Tate's post-1945 collection might look if a difficult of Hamilton's painting of Mick Jagger and Robert Fraser handcuffed together while on the way to be tried on a drugs charge in 1967, Swingeing Lon-don. is hung next to David Shepherd's picture of a steam locomotive, On Shed. Sir Alfred Munnings and Dame Alfred Munnings and Dame Laura Knight are included along with Francis Becon and John Hoyland (generally considered by the "art world" to be our leading "figurative" and leading "abstract" painters). Self-taught working-class painters, like Oliver Kilbourn and Paul Waplington, are shown along with painters of shown along with painters of working-class subject matter like William Roberts and Leon Kossoff. The exhibition is very crowded and hung close

The idea that "popular" painters like David Shepherd might be worth looking at may be new in art criticism, but similar ideas have been cur-rent since at least the beginrent since at least the beginning of the Sixties among film critics writing for Cahiers du Cinema and Movie, who suggested that commercial Hollywood movies were as worth study, and some of them more so, than European "art" movies. Unfortunately when displayed alongside "art" paintings, as at Nottingham, painters such as Terence Cuneo compare unfavourably. Shepherd is clearly more skil-Shepherd is clearly more skilful in a slick, smooth way. But his vision of a great steam locomotive is tidy and antiseptic, totally lacking in any sense of power, noise or dirt. This painting is made for reproduction, and I doubt whether anything at all is gained by look-

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Portrait of a Young Woman is the major revelation of the 1935 exhibition, is a very much

brought art once again into his work was even less apprecommon everyday life." Such ciated than now.) beliefs were common in the Thirties (as they had been among Russian avant-garde artists in the Twenties). It is now fashionable to deride them as nonsense. Certainly, it is less simple than was then believed. But on my own expe-rience, teaching schoolchildren rience, teaching schoolchildren and day-release students in the early Sixties, people with little visual education do (or did then) respond positively to abstract paintings like those of Mondrian or Kandinsky, and I know of an engineering draughtsman who is fascinated by the permutations of Kenneth Martin's Chance and Order paintings. (One of these is included in the Nortingham

show. The paintings by untrained painters like Oliver Kilbourn (who was a nuner) and Paul Waplington (who works in the lace trade; are moving representations of their own experience as workers. But seen in large quantities (Kilbourn's pit

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Amadeus Quartet Oueen Elizabeth Hall

Max Harrison

It is a familiar point that Mozart was attracted by the rich middle-register sound of the string quiater with two riolas, and this was borne our by the fairly unusual experience of hearing two of his works for this medium at one sitting on Sunday night. The performers were the Amadeus Quartet with Cecil Aronowitz

as second viola, and their play-ing had all the suave balance and flowing mellifluousness we have associated with them for almost 30 years. But did they not make it all too smooth? In the C minor Quintet K406, for example, the minuet contains a canon al rovescio, that is, with the answer turned upside down, and the programme note remarked. the programme note remarked, is programme notes invariably do, on the severity of such

devices. Yet it was so insistently Full-length symphony by Maxwell Davies

The Philharmonia Orchestra and has been in preparation for a large-scale, four-movement symphony by Peter Maxwell Davies on February 2 in the composer's.

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reproduction which is as good Roberts, on the other hand, is as the original) except that the original is so bad.

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who is represented in both artists. His The Common Market shows a busy London market scene, maryellously ham show have not included have compared with the Frampton.

In the catalogue of the Tate show Ben Nicholson is quoted as saying how the interplay of forces in works like his White Relici's is related to Arsenal v Tottenham Hotspur quite as much as to the stars in their courses." Nicholson also says that "far from 'abstract' art being the withdrawal of the arrist from reality.

In the catalogue of the Tate has been a large immigration of hlack people. So out of show Ben Nicholson is quoted touch with ordinary life are not immediately think of most British artists that I can not immediately think of another paintest who has much as to the stars in their courses." Nicholson also says that "far from 'abstract' art being the withdrawal of the arrist from reality.

It has in the Sixtles at a time when his work was even less appre-To coincide with the exhibition the Midland Group have

published an anthology of writings by artists working in Britain 1945-1977, also edited by Brighton and Morris, also called Towards Another Picture, although its scope is far wider than the exhibition. Its price varies from £2.50 at the exhibition, to £3 plus 30p pos-tage and packing from the M dland Group. The ending is peremptory and it is full of the most appalling misprints.
Nonetheless it is useful, as nothing else exists on the sub-ject. But it is depressing read-ing and as such probably reflects the state of British art over the past 30 years. The picture" at Nottingham is no more encouraging than that given by the recent British fainting 52-77 exhibition at the Royal Academy or the Hayward Annual.

Paul Overy

polished by these players us to go for very little. We heard the unassisted Amadeus team in the Quartet in D minor K421, Mozart's only

in D minor K421, Mozart's only mature quartet in a minor key; none of the movements is really fast, and the temptations to an unduly introverted performance are considerable. Certainly the first movement's phrases ought to have been more firmly shaped, and there was a lack of tension in the Andente. However, the Minuet had

more impetus, vigour and sensi-tivity, being nicely balanced, and the quarter's funde was excellently motivated. One admired the smoothness with admired the smoothness with which the increase of tempo for the last variation and the return of the siciliano rhythm were managed. In the D major Quinter K593 the music's passion came through more consistently, and this was by far the evening's most satisfying interpretation. There is more contrapunctual ingenuity in the contrapunctual ingenuity in the Minuet and finale, but here it multed its full expressive weight, and, indeed, the elabo-rate structures of all four move-ments were most beautifully articulated.

The work is a result of a long-standing commission from the Philharmonia Orchestra,

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Jest with serious side

Cinderella—The Truth! Keith Allen and Dave Brett as Covent Garden Community Theatre

Ned Chaillet

For some audiences there will For some audiences there will be no need to seek out a Christmas pantomime, for the Covent Garden Community Theatre is a troupe of actors and singers who seek out audiences, moving from place to public place with their costumes, puppers and songs. Cinderella—The Truth! is their seasonal jest with a serious side, not only exposing Conderrella as a media creation rella as a media creation but attempting to expose the duplicity of the newspaper and television reporters.

Their Cinderella does not scratch among the ashes, but is a punk in Peckham who lives a punk in Peckham who lives by snatching handbags from old ladies. A press agent promises to get her into Vince Charm-ing's party of the year by turn-ing her into the face of the year, and he exploits two eager gossip columnists to achieve it. o get her into Vincs Charmng's party of the year by turnng her into the face of the
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Some adroit doubling by 0617.

sisters, and Sandy Maberley's transformation from a punk Cinderella into the principal boy, a gamine Vince Charming, keep the show moving fairly rapidly along. With some good gags and nice pupper work, and an enormous amount of good will, the company overcome the distractions of a bar room setting, but they could use some platforms to make themselves visible to everyone.

The play tends too much to repetition, and joe Lang's script makes its points several times over, restating in music, that, for instance, "News is just a part of show biz", then showing Cinderella's manufactured rise as a television news reader. rise as a television news reader. Shorn of balf an hour, Richard Robinson's production would be livelier and more effective. At the moment it is considerably better at being funny than mak-

news men and the ugly step-sisters, and Sandy Maberley's

ing serious statements.

I found the production in the

RPO/Baudo Festival Hall

Paul Griffiths

Messiaen's Trois petites liturgies de la Présence Divine is not a work that you have the chance to bear often. Since it demands the unusual combina-tion of a women's chorus, a string orchestra, a percussion ensemble, a piano soloist and a player on the electronic ondes martenot, it is unlikely to be-come a repertory item. I am at a loss to understand, therefore, why Serge Baudo and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra should have programmed the work on Sunday only to scupper its chances from the first. In-stead of female singers, this demands the unusual combinastead of female singers, this performance offered the boys of the Dulwich College Madrigal Group and, however good their singing, the result could be no more than a curious tangent to Messiaen's intentions.

Messiaen's intentions.

Like most of Messiaen's religious works, the Trois petites iturgies is a piece in which the sacred and the sexual are closely entwined together. The divine presence is one of love and, as Messiaen's verbal imagery suggests, that love is mirrored in the bond between man and woman. The metaphor is lost if boys' voices are used,

That miscalculation was all the more lamentable when in other respects the performance promised well. Jan Latham-Koenig, was an agile and brilliant-toned solo pianist; John Morton showed a nice sense of perspective in placing the unsarthly voice of his ondes; and Mr Baudo was effective in marking the rhythms of this concert risual, as well as in allowing space for its luxuriance. luxuriance. . The perversity of the choral

dispositions was pointed later in the evening, in a perfor-mance of the Faure Requiem. Here was the work in which boys' voices would have been appropriate, yet here we heard the women who should have sung the Messiaen. About the performance, however, I have no complaints, except perhaps concerning the wavering of Elizabeth Harwood in the "Pie lesu. There was much excel-lently clear, quier singing from the Brighton Festival Chorus, and the whole work was given just the right blend of charm and solemnity, to which John Shirley-Quirk added dignity

Between the two choral works Philippe Entremont gave a performance of Revel's left-hand concerto which had more flash than exactness, but this was made the excuse for some superbly bold orchestral play-ing under Mr Baudo.

Rothstein/Hendry Wigmore Hall

something of a specialist in lighter music, made the melody speak. He crught the music's nostalgia and caprice in ripe tone and seductive rubato, and mer rises in amotional terrograture with fervour. Miss Hendry

Panufnik's new work Sinfonia Mistica, Andreej Panufnik's new symphony, will be performed by the Northern Sinfonia conducted by Christopher Seamen, on January 20 in the Queen Elizabeth Hall. The Northern Sinfonia, which connerssioned the work, will also give performances in Middlesbrough and Newcastle.

in a series of symphonies among which the best known are Sinfonia Rustica and Sinfonia Sacra, and the most recent Sinfonia di Sfere—which the London Symphony Orchestra year in the Festival Hall, date marks Sinjonia Mistica is scored for appearance.

backed him up to the hilt, but wisely remembered that here the piano plays a supporting

In the sonates she claimed to entiresize that the composer sometimes described his violin violin accompaniment. Only the Andante was discreetly balanced. The other movements made you long to get up and close the half-open hid of her

instrument.
In Faure's A major Sonara Miss Hendry again sometimes underestimated her own strength when excited. Mr Rothstein bowed strongly to keep his end up, both arrists favoursentimental lingerings. The performance lacked a measure of delicacy and tenderness (as in the trace of the control of the con in the trio of the Scherzo) but was single-minded in warmth and drive. Certainly their intensity in climaxes was splendid.

Sinfonia Mistica is the sixth

smaller forces than most of the smaller forces that most of the others (double woodwind, two-horns, no other brass, and strings) and lasts about 28 minutes. The title reflects the composer's fascination with the mysical significance of the geometric figure which he uses as the structural basis of the piece. The state of the s

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London debut

Bobbi Baird makes her debut at the Playboy Chub this week. She deputized for Mabel Mercer at Mabel's Room in New York. London Symphony Orchestra when Miss Mercer came to gave its first performance last Park Lane, and the Playboy year in the Festivel Hall, date marks her first London

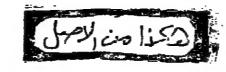
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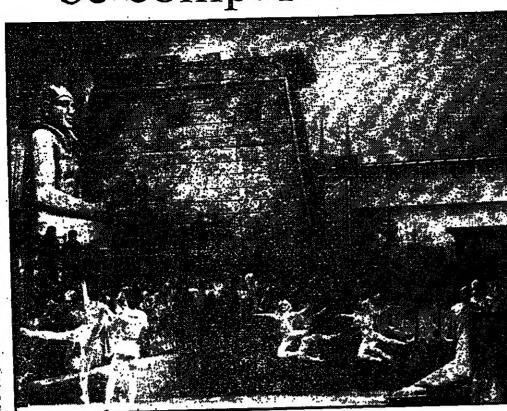
My Bach problem is widely familiar; my Berlioz problem hardly less so; my Wagner nioblem might perhaps be better described as your Wagner problem. Today, however, I want to discuss a musician of whom few would think that he could pose a problem even to the most perverse. Yet the fact is, I have a Verdi problem, and one so shameful that you may well feel that I ought to be communicating it not to the world at large, but to Marjorie Proops in the deepest confidence and with a stamped addressed envelope enclosed for her to supply the whereabouts of the nearest clinic coulpped to treat it. My problem is that I cannot take Verdi lem is that I cannot take Verdi seriously. I cannot even per-suade myself that he is a serious composer.
I do not mean that I cannot

take Il Trovatore seriously, though I certainly cannot: I though I certainly cannot; I have been seeing it for very many years (the first performance I went to was given by the Carl Rosa Company at the King's Theatre. Hammersmith, neither of which has existed for many a decade, and I sat next to a very stout lady who got so gargantuan a fit of the got so gargantuan a fit of the giggles in the Anvil Chorus that the entire row of seats in which we sat began to vibrate from end to end like a suspension bridge with an army marching across it in sten, until I feared that she would altogether shake us loose from our foundations, but I could possibly tell you its plot in Kobhe for a quarter of an hour, and even then would get is wrong. But where Transfere is concerned 1 am in good company, for it is not only 1 and the fat lady who cannot take it seriously. I know there are some pretty things in it—I have a record of Tamegno singing Pocarm cilla terra—and also come incompably similar area. some inescapably stirring ones, though I have beard far too muny tenors who bring to mind Shaw's description of Manrico finishing Di auella pira with a high C canable of making a stranded man-o'war spectacles, and go abroad until recoil off a reef into mid- the wrath of Mr David "Spara-ocean". But all the nonsense fucile " Cairns has somewhat

do good unless necessity drives

them to it. History is merely

serve the state and that state can only survive if its rulers



A scene from Aida, and its composer, Verdi : he looks serious enough . . .

shout me changering having been burnt at the stake (you see what I mean about my imperfect recollection of the plot) is generally regarded as pretty fair bilge even by those who go all mistry-eyed at the sound of the Misercre. (The same, only more so, goes for

S.mon. Bocconegra.

My sin is far greater; I cannot take seriously Traviata, Don Carlos, Rigaletto or Aida, and I am sorry to say that I mean I cannot take the music seriously; it is not just the plot or the libretto. Indeed, now that I have started I may as well define the extreme limits of my guilt by confessing (though as soon as I have done so I shall have to change my name, don a false beard and blue-tinted

about the changeling having abated) that I cannot take Otello itself seriously.

itself seriously.

I stress that I enjop the work, as I enjoy most Verdi, provided only that it is tolerably performed. Yet my very enjoyment of it indicates my attitude, for I cease to be interested at the end of Act II, where my hair stands on end for Si, pel ciel; nothing in the last two Acts is as good as most of the first two, and the fourth in particular, including the Willow Song—cspecially the Willow Song—simply bores me. (I would simply bores me. (I would always leave without compunction half-way through Otello were it not for Mr Cairns's hired braves lurking at every

me stranded always on the sur-face of Verdi, unable to recog-

bing my eyes in wonder when they claim for him the ability to portray emotion delineate character with Mozart and, er, Wagner? For in all his works put together there does not seem to me to human heart as there is in the five minutes of Susanna's ecstasy in Deh' vient from Figure, or in the similarly brief duet of consolation (Bei Mannern) in the Magic Flute, nor as much understanding of the rending power of will, con-science, fear and ruined ambition as there is in Wotan's invocation of Erda at the beginning

of Act III of Siegiried.

There are comparisons which make my point more directly.

Take the Miserere scene in Trovatore that I mentioned. It

by a tyrant and under sentence of death, with his faithful love nearby, derermined to rescue him or die in the attempt. Well, v. hat does that remind you of? (Don't just sir there goggling owlishly at me : even her name is the same.) Quite: that is the story of Fidelio, is it not? And will you really maintain that even if you multiply by pinety-nine thousand and ninety-nine thousand and viction and the perception of the divine (which is the essence of art) that Verdi's version contains you will end with anything that amount to one ninety-ninth of the ninethousandth part of what Beet-hoven achieved with the same dramatic and materials? psychological

The Verdians cannot get out of it by saying that Beethoven was the greater genius. Of

course he was, but the diffe rence berween Fidelio and Trovatore is not one of degree; the gulf that separates them is wider than that which sepa-rated Dives from Lazarus, and the gulf that separates Don Carlos or Otello from Trovatore or Ernani is but a straw's breadth by comparison. In other words, the difference between Verdi's greatest and

weakest work is nothing: the difference between Verdi and real genius is all. I had better repeat quickly and clearly (a couple of nasty looking characters in dark glasses have already arrived on glasses have aiready arrived on the paverment opposite, and one of them is whistling a bit of Berlioz) that I enjoy most of Verdi hugely; I can hardly express the pleasure I got at Wexford last year from his Giovanna d'Arco, a work of almost resiste absurdity but unceasing unique absurdity but unceasing melodiousness, and some of my happiest operatic evenings have been spent in Verdi's company. been spent in Verdi's company. But I am never dragged into the heart of the drama by his music, never compelled to suffer with his unfortunates or rejoice with his heroes, never stirred more deeply than the outer layers of pleasure.

Except, of course, in Falstaff. That opera is not only the ex-ception to the Verdi canon antly enough it is musically different from the rest of his work); it seems to me an achievement of such transcendent genius that it alone suffices to place Verdi, as all the rest of his collected works do not, in the very foremost rank of artists. It is no blasphemy in my ears to speak of the man my ears to soeak of the man who wrote Falstalf as the peer few operas to achieve complete and Rosenkavalier join ratetto and kosenkavatter join Falstaff in that category. But I think it requires a column to itself, and sooner or later that is what it will get.

We can have more local radio without losing the quality

Recently the House of Comthe Home Secretary that there will inevitably be an expansion of local radio. He did not say when; nor did he admit that he could get that expansion going now - at the stroke of a pen - by letter of instruction to the chairman of the Independent Broadcasting Authority and of the British Broadcasting Corporation.

Dear Lady Plowden Sir Michael Swann,

My colleagues and I have now considered the priorities for action, following the Annan Report on the Future of Broadcasting Some issues still require further study, especially those which involve parliamentary time for the discussion of tary time for the discussion of structural changes or public spending.

But we have now decided hat in local broadcasting authorize you now to proceed. The Government has been impressed by the contribution of the local radio services in recent years, and this letter is to permit their expansion. Both the BBC and the IBA have

made clear their wish to expand: I encourage both of made clear their wish you to do so. I am aware that the BBC may need to review its own priorities in view of its exten-

mirments across the sive commitments across file whole of broadcasting and the financial hinitations of its licence fee income. I would fully understand Sir Michael's reasons should the BBC decide to reduce parional radio broadto reduce national radio broad-casting in order to increase the spread of its equally popular ocal broadcasting activities. throughout the nation.

The IBA has made clear its wish to move ahead at once and we look to the IBA for peedy action, on the basis of the authority's existing resources, making no further call on public funds.

My colleagues and I share the conviction that local radio can play a most useful and entertaining role in modern Britain, and provide a valuable service to an increasing number of communities communities throughout the country.

I should appreciate an early reply from you both on your plans for 1978. Yours sincerely,

authorization encouragement, would ensure more local radio in less time and at less added cost than any plan to amalgamate all local broadcasting into a new local and any plan to amalgamate all local broadcasting into a new local broadcasting. Authority Broadcasting Authority (as the Annan Report recommends), or to allow independent breadcasters and the EBC according to some prescribed Whitehall formula. And it should ensure better quality local broadcasting as well. So

what are the difficulties? Radio clutter from overlapping broadcast signals from a growing multitude of broad-casters, here and abroad? Broadcasting frequencies must of course be kept separate in closely contingent areas in our crowded country and in our quite crowded continent. But it is worth noting that towns with as little as 10-12,000 population in the United States can support their own very local radio station even though people in these towns may be able to pick up as many as 10 able to pick up as many as 10 other semi-local stations broad-casting from other rowes in their vicinity. If we in Britain do not plan for our local broadcasting needs now, then we shall be in no position to haggle for the frequencies we shall want at the 1979 World Administrative Radio Conference.

Radio already draws us finance from local and national advertisers keen to reach the audiences they stations would be similarly financed. In addition the IBA should be prepared to use the secondary rental income from established which are already well into profit, as seedcurn money to help establish and run independent stations in smaller townships which might othernot he economically viable during start up years.
The same source of hunds can
help build quality programming (particularly for minority audiences) on these smaller stations and elsewhere.

harder choice, particularly because it must be out of court it to come to Parliament dramatic increase in licence fee to finance local radio—or for any other rea-son, Because of this the BBC cannot, nor should it, consider local radio broadcasting separanetwork activity.

I believe that there is absolutely nothing sacrosance about Radios 1 and 2 continuing for ever as national networks. Both are akin in character to much local radio, and one or the other (or both?) could well be broadcast locally on a totally syndicated basis without much loss of that character. A transfer of only haif the £16m operational funding of Radios 1 and 2 could more than double BBC's local broadcasting activity, which represented less than 3 per cent of total BBC domestic operating costs

And what about quality of programmes : The point has already been made that Radios 1 and 2 could be locally syndicated without loss of character or quality; they might even be improved. Even Radio 4 could be localized, though more of ks programme content is national in character; particularly the news should probably be treated like ITN or IRN are treated now. As for Radio 3. its frequency reallocations for next year are far from ideal in terms of quality (medium wave) or reach (VHF); it might properly be given the pick of the national wavepick of the national wave-lengths, particularly after loca-lization of Radios 1 and 2. By these realignments BEC radio programming would retain the high quality which we exact from it and which has estab-lished a vardstick of quality

for radio in this country and elsewhere. There should not be an iden tifiable community which does station tuned to its needs and its interests—be they geopraphical communities as in the Orkneys and Shetlands, or communities of young people as in a university rown, or retired people as in many towns along the south coast, or towns along the south coast, or immigrant communities or what are sometimes described as "precinct" communities in our larger urban areas. To meet the larent broadcasting needs of these multitude of communities of interest, the ambitious plans already being prepared by the BBC and the independent Broadcasting Authority must both be Authority must both he tapped. With the proven success of local radio broadcasting where it presently exists, it

Over to you, Mr Rees. Tim Rathbone author is Conservative MP for Lewes.

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ment does not now do

would be a tragedy if govern-

Rulers condemn or condone oppression as their own in-



# the occasion I visited him at more clearly than at any prehis home in Florence and vious time the accuracy of my cunning of the ruler and modirecorded the following conversation. M: Yes, I wish it were not so, be contained by the force and cunning of the ruler and modified by the precepts of reliit pessimistic? I tell the truth glon, but it cannot be changed. R: Signor Machiavelli, your about humanity. If a doctor name is associated with a view round the body, if Galileo tells you the earth moves round the and in particular of politics are the collection.

mistic to those who live by myths. the survival of the state. the record of their unchanging R: You imply that we still live

passions so that we must by myths. reconcile ourselves to endless M: The Christian Church repetition rather than progress in human affairs. There is no higher destiny for man than to reque the reconcile ourselves and the reconcile ourselves to endless M: The Christian Church reconcile ourselves to endless M: The Christian Church reconcile ourselves to endless M: The Christian Church reconcile ourselves to endless repetition rather than progress in human affairs. There is no higher destiny for man than to that myth began to die, you replaced it with the liberal reject all considerations of morality in the conduct of its affairs. Is this pessimistic view still remake in the relations of the morality in the conduct of its affairs. Is this pessimistic view seeing the world as it really is.

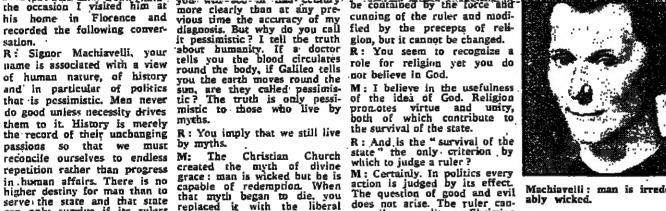
able restraint for the private citizen, to influence his deci-sions in public affairs. The sur-vival of the state is his only artains is an pessimatic view R: Man is irredeemably century? wicked? R: Isn't this emphasis on the state an anachronism, in the modern world?

M: The United Nations is a M: Men turn to universalism convenient forum for the pur- when they tire of war, but it is

R: What I meant was the

which to judge a ruler?

not allow morality or Christian ethics, which may be an admir-



It's Machiavelli, being as pessimistic as ever

Machiavelli : man is irredeem-

suit of national interests under the cloak of international cooperation. No state allows its vital interests to be infringed unless it is too weak to prevent it. That has always been the case and always will be. R: But the United Nations represents, especially perhaps M: On the contrary, the proli- represents, especially perhaps feration of states makes it for young people, a rejection of the old emphasis on nation states and a belief that the human race is one people.

ungatural. The land of your terests dictate. And this rea-birth is an accident of nature; lism in international affairs is whole of mankind is meaning such pains to disguise their less. Men may be persuaded to policy behind ideals—freedon subordinate their passions to equality, tolerance, huma of their country. To expect them to curtail them for the R: How then do you see the R: So questions of humanity are irrelevant to international

M: It may suit a government to appear to act for humanitar-ian reasons—indeed it is pre-ferable that it should do so— but in reality it will be pursu-

R: But states are not always motivated by self-interest. They
may sincerely oppose evils
such as racism and oppression—
in the Second World War, for example, or in modern attitudes towards South Africa. M: I do not sgree. The liberal myth blinds you to the truth. In the Second World War all states were motivated by self-interest. They did not fight because they opposed racism and oppression but because their vital interests were threatened. Similarly, no state today opposes aparticle unless it serves its policy to do so.

R: How then do M: Men will tire of peace as they have rired of war. The cycle will continue. The cast

and props may be different, the plot will always be the same because man's passions cannot change. R: But you would not deny that wan has made some M: Is it progress if a cannibal uses a knife and fork? Has his

uses a king and fork? Has his nature changed? The Christian and liberal myths still haunt your civilization. Man's wicked-ness is for all time, without R: Yet despite all that you

say, a few men and women live unselfish lives. How do you account for that? M: It is an act of defiance. They feel compelled to deny a truth they cannot bear to con-R: Signor Machiavelli, thank-

John Rae

# THE TIMES DIARY/PHS

### Why Mr Lowe is turning

over the leaves

What are the wild tea leaves saying? After 20 years bending an ear, John Lowe, author, lecturer and principal of West Dean College, near Chichester, is still listening for the answers to at least two mysteries: why anyone wanted to add milk to tea, and when the teapot was invented. Mr Lowe has all but com-

pleted a book called A History of Tea Drinking, to be published for the Victoria and Albert Museum by HMSO- His two decades of research have unearthed some fascinating Did you know, for instance,

that when tea was first introduced to Britain at the end of the seventeenth centhat one of the perks of the eighteenth-century cooks was to sell used tea leaves at the backdoor? The first mention Mr Lowe

has been able to find of tea being drunk in England is in a 1658 newspaper (in which Cromwell's death is announced). An advertisement

"That excellent, and by all Physicians approved, Chinese drink, called by the Chineans Tcha, by other Nations Tay or Tee, is sold at the Sultanesshead, a Conhee-House in Sweetings Rents, by the Royal Exchange, London."

Though the teapot riddle remains, it is known that tea was drunk in the sixth century



BC and that it was brewed in

Passing by the Ceylon Tea Centre in Regent Street the other day, I wondered idly why, five years after the republic's changeover to Sri Lanka the centre still clings to its old name. Strictly historical name. Strictly historical reasons, the belpful staff told me. They said it took a long time for new names to percolate through to one's consciousness. As tea bags are so popular, I thought the metaphor a very apt one.

### Doing her own thing for peace:

Political observers who some-times (in the past) thought of Roy Mason as a "fighting cockerel" will be interested to learn that Jone Ewart-Biggs regards him more as a "broody hen", clucking over his hatched and unhatched problems in Northern Ireland.

Mind you, she is an ardent admirer of Mr Mason, the Ulster Secretary, and believes that he has done a great deal to bring about what she decribes as "the new harmonization" within the Province. When I met Mrs Ewart-Biggs yesterday, the widow of our assassinated Ambassador to Dublin was optimistic about the future of

she admits that her reactions are obviously affected by the people of Ulster, who were incredibly kind to her after her husband's murder. Her passion for a "political issue" is still there, but she entirely lacks bitterness—and this in spite of the traumatic effect Christopher Ewart-Biggs's death had on their two elder children. two elder children.

She admits that her reactions

Thrilled by the award of the Nobel Prize to the Peace Movement, Mrs Ewart-Biggs believes signature only who that by contributing in her own small way to a new, positive theme for the political future of Northern Ireland, we really will (in the not too distant future) see the final pieces of the jig-

sed by her dignity, her deter-mination and her bravery. With Ulster.

"People are beginning to believe that senseless violence care at last", she said, referring both to the mainland and the she insists that "people really do want to be better informed".

### Just one quintuplet too many

slight lapse in a recent Michael Leapman column-whether editorial or typographical I do not know-has drawn from Arthur Abeles of London SW3 a tale about Macy's, the New York department store which turned up in the column as Macey's. Whether the story is apocryphal or not, I cannot

time of the birth of the Dionne quintuplets, a PR man who said he had acquired the exclusive merchandizing rights to the girls' names, approached the

saw there fit together. Over our glasses of white wine, I was shatteringly impres-

# president of the store and

offered, for a million dollars, a highly imaginative advertizing "From Marie", he said, "you get your M. From Annette, you get your A. Cecile gives you the C, Emile the E and Yvonne the Y."

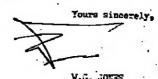
The president is said to have waited a moment, to achieve the maximum dramatic effect. before replying: "Very ingenious-a wonderful idea. Unfortunately, we spell our name Macy, without the E."

### Variations on a signature tune

item on the illegible signature of James Cobban, from Abingdon, had the desired effect : it elicited a comment from Mr Cobban himself and I give an extract from his surprisingly

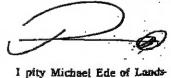
"I use my own high-speed signature only when writing to a close personal friend on paper that bears my name clearly printed at the letterhead. On other occasions, I sign myself, as I do to you now, sir . . . " and a very clear " James Cobban " completes his

A bank manager from East Dulwich has suggested to me that when someone signs his name more than a thousand times a year, it becomes personalized by its illegibility. "It is possible", he adds "that this is a process of evolution from the time when a person made a mark or provided a seal as personal identification." He appends his own squiggle to illustrate the point, and I reproduce it herewith:

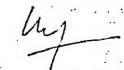


I get Mr Jones's point. I am,

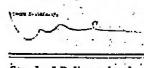
My recent, somewhat testy for delinearing his name under. the following signature



down, Bath. who, without any assistance from a letter-heading, had to reply to a letter" from a law firm in Aix-en-Provence which was signed:



Mr Ede's predicament is matched by that of Miss Janet, Marks, of Bow, London E3, who had to reply to a solicitor who signed himself — again without typewritten clarification—with the scrawl with which I conclude this Christmas week frivolity:



Standard Deliver, the slogan of Standard Freight Forwarders. of Knightsbridge, make a good highwayman s pun over herebut I wonder what the Arubs c. Roszak, of Tunbridge Wells, mainly with the Middle East. make of it. The firm deals

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# A BETTER YEAR FOR ULSTER

Better then a Christmas truce. better far than a "negotiated" truce, is the evidence, which has been accumulating throughout 1977, that the Provisional IRA is losing capacity to wage its chosen warfare in Ulster. With twelve days still to go, the numbers of killings, shootings and explosions this year are markedly lower than last year or any of the previous five years, and so are the number of incidents in most other categories of ferrorism-gangsterism. There has been a complementary increase in the number of persons charged and convicted of the relevant

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The statistical picture is one of progressive attrition of the IRA's resources of men, money and materials; That in-ference is supported by such observable facts as the diminution of funds flowing to the IRA from the United States, the age profile of the criminals who are caught, and the failure of the Provisionals to exploit their opportunities—to make a splash during the Queen's jubilee visit to Northern Freland, for instance, or to burn Belfast when the firemen are on strike. At the same time much of the sectarian viciousness has gode but of the solution fair a blaze. Nor is it postestant paramilitarists and murter gangs which sprang up in the expiry of violence, which response to republican violence are quiescent.

This palpable improvement in the internal security of Northern civil peace. men are on strike. At the same

Ireland reflects much credit on the Royal Ulster Constabulary and the army units deployed there, on their political direction by the Secretary of State, and on the people of the province whose forntude has not failed and whose most infected communities have not altogether lost the strength to throw off the usurpation of civil authority by gunmen. After too many misjudgments and vacillations security policy is moving along sensible lines. The RUC now has a much augmented role in the preven-tion and detection of crime, something policemen are better fitted for than soldiers; and the army has enlarged the extent of

gence systems of both forces are more comprehensive and sensi-tive than they were, and they command more willing cooperation from the civil community. ... When counting blessings in Northern Ireland it is always prudent to remember the resilience of republican violence and the fanaticism burning at the heart of it. In the ashes of its

its covert operations, which enables it to meet the IRA units

on their own ground. The intelli-

### REFERENDUM MARCOS-STYLE

It has often been remarked that fifth since martial law began in of American influence launched ity of around aniety per cent. priesthood in a country more dence as a very hybrid mixture of fall short either east and west. One manifestation if this has been the record of a figure holds a genuine more active this year than the philippine. Philippine politics which has, always had about it something of the atmosphere of a circus. There have been the elements of brashness, of an instinct for display, a panache accompanied by the risk of failure, even the narrow shaves with gasps from the government it is always bad to audience. In such an atmosphere be on the wrong side of author-President Marcos bas shown himsalf: 10 be a supremely skilled ringmaster. He has now completed twelve years in office, the most courageously recalcitrant.

In an inerps to raily an out the most courageously recalcitrant.

Opposition exists of course but it is neither numerous nor.

But unlike those other address who have resorted to of countings are all the revolutionary left.

states of emergency and martial no more effective latterly under law as a temporary measure, or its Maoist style than it was law as a temporary measure, or a kind of electro-convulsive for the body politic. President Marcos has shown no captured the communist leader, wish to relinquish power and Jose-Marie Sison, in the run-up claims that he is creative, proto the referendum was a piece of gressive and above all popular. Juck for the president The Musgressive and above all popular. To prove this and to give his con-

150 lives must cast doubt on the.

facilities which exist for safe landing at the airport of Funchal

on the Portuguese island of

Madeira. A verdict on the

safety standards at the airport

must await the outcome of the inquiry into the latest disaster

were killed when a Caravelle of a

Swiss charter airline put down

in the sea on its final approach.

What is not in doubt is that the

graphical position, on a spit of

land with the sea on three sides.

and that in such a situation it requires the very best landing

aids that there are to assist

approaching pilots in their diffi-

cult task.
Funchal is similar to many other airports in the world whose

for package holidays by air, in

used by more and bigger jet air-traft than their original designers

could have ever envisaged. In

its facilities are now being

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THE SAFETY OF AIRPORTS

of popularity. As in Mrs Gandhi's India corsuption is lessened, efficienty morressed, better order kept when detention without trial is the hardy weapon. Yet as in any Asian country one must make allowances for the fear of ity. Prudence 'vequires assent: And when voting is compulsory that helps to rally all but the

earlier in the jungle tramping lim rebellion may be disregarded tinued rule legality he calls as distant and irrelevant to the referendums. Yesterday's was the centre of power in Manila.

Meanwhile Mr Mason, in pur-spance of another of his responsibilinies as chef d'orchestre of Ulster's political instrumentalists, has struck up the music for a third devolutionary minuet. The object this time is to find out what if anything can be done in an interim sort of way to set up by agreement elective arrangements for the province short of the kind of thing Belfast once had and Edinburgh is being given: Everyone must wish him

well in this endeavour, but he

need not strain too hard. . Direct rule as now practised is a bleak form of administra-tion, especially for the politically active whose occupation it steals. It does not provide a permanent arrangement for a province with the home-rule experiences of Northern Ireland. Nor does it provide a framework for the gradual supersession of sectarian by class or "issue" politics; or for rendering innocuous the madition of republican vio-lence. To that extent the criticism mounted against it from Dublin and elsewhere is to the point. But it is a useful staging post, and its usefulness has not expired. It is widely tolerated by the people experiencing it. So soon after the turbulence and fury of Ulster politics from 1968 to 1974, stopping the other fellow from getting what he demands is felt to matter more than gerting what you are demanding yourself. The present form of

Which leaves the cause of politiearlier years of President Marcos's political manoeuvring.

administration matches that.

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Besides, there are always dis-tractions to absorb the specta-tors. The running theme has been "the new society" which is sup-posed to be taking shape before the eyes of the dazzled Filipinos.
If there is criticism from outside what better than a world law conference-packed with official Philippine delegates held in Manila: Or a promise of juggling with the constitution so that next year will see elections of some kind and a switch to a parliamentery system will alle President and Prime Minister at the same time. Yet the International Commission of Jurists more conv their report last June which found that the security reasons advanced to justify the martial law had lost their validity and its continuance seemed to be solely to maintain President

Two air crashes within a many cases the traffic has out-month with the total loss of over stripped the technical devices borne equipment must interlock. And very few of the modern, big stripped the technical devices installed at the airports to ensure the safety of that traffic. Good weather for most of the time at most of such places fulls city airports in the world, most which pride themselves of publicly on being right up to date in their choice of equipthe aviation authorities, into a ment, have ground surveillance false sense of security so that too-often the available funds have radar able to pick up moving aircraft and vehicles on a foggy been spent on items such as new day. Had that been installed at and luxurious terminal buildings

Marcos in power.

Tenerife in March, it might have saved the lives of 579 people: killed when two jumbo jets

collided.... There is unnecessary loss of life in airport accidents. World aviation authorities such as the international Civil Aviation Authority and the International Air Transport Association should begin an immediate review of airports and their technical facilities, and if they are dissatisnearly two decades there are still sified with the facilities provided at any particular airport the members of the International Federation of Air Line Pilots should refuse to fly there until they are improved.

### Christmas on ITV

From Mr Iain R. Redpath . Sir, It was clear at the ITV Christmas programmes press conference that Paul Fox's reference to the need for a bit of religion on Chrismas evening was an aside, a light hearred, albeit irreverent, seasonal joke, a preface to his invitation to us journalists to join. him at the bar. I hope that we may allow even

ITV programme directors their little bit of fun without elevating their every reported remark to the un-reasonable starus of bon mots exemplaires. Yours faithfully,; r IAIN R. REDPATH

The Times.

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New Printing House Square,

Gray's Inn Road, WC1.

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### Contemporary dance

From Mr Peter Brinson and others Sir, Your critic's review of the London Contemporary Dance: Theatre in your issue of November 21 in-cludes a damaging reference to Robert Cohan's direction of the 1977 Gulbenkian National Choreo graphic Summer School, quoting misleading in incomplete form and out of context from an article by an observer in residence. "

Mr. Percival is, of course, entitled to his own view, but we should like to stress that in this case it appears to be based on second-hand information. So far as we know he did not

accept the invitation to visit the school hanself and observe Mr. Cohan's methods.

designed to impress the new-

comer rather than on a new and updated instrument landing sys-

tem and the training of the staff.

Not that it is only the

newly emergent tourist countries.

which are at fault in the pro-

vision of the most, modern

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Airways: have been developing blind landing equipment on board their airliner fleets for

far too few airports in Europe.

usually considered an advanced.

aviation area, which have installed the complete ground equipment with which the air-

to operate ita

onan's methods.

As members of the school's governine body we have first-hand experience of Mr Coban's outstanding ability to guide young choreographers and composers, an ability which was confirmed in his direc-tion of the Gutbenkian National Choreographic School last summer. We considered his work so very successful on that occasion that we have invited him began next year and we are very glad to amounce that he has, in principle, accepted. Yours faithfully, PETER BRINSON.

TRAUDE LLOYD. PETER WILLIAMS. GALE LAW. Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation.

Lisbon: United Kingdom and Commonwealth Branch, 98 Portland Place, W1.

Publishing EEC documents From the Vice-President of the European Environmental Bureau ... Sir. In the recent debate (December 7) on EEC macker policy several Members of Parliament complained that a Commission document entitled Community in the International Nuclear Environment had not been published, although it was referred to in several other documents published by the Commission. The Secretary of Space, Tony Benn, replied that it was not published because the

Commission did not want it to be published.

published.

The document is important because it sets out why the Commission believes that President Carrer's policies on, for example, the deferment of commercial reprocessing of plutonium will have serious repercussions for the Commission. It sees on to explain why serious repertusions for the Community. It goes on to explain why the Communition in the Gommunity is very different from that of the United States and why the Community "must be ahead with the development of nuclear energy".

In preparation for the open discussions on nuclear energy that the Commission is now bolding, I wrote to Commissioner Brunner asking if the European Environmental Rureau good have contained. mental Bureau could have copies of the document. We too had seen it referred to in other published documents on the fast breeder and reprocessing which we have been criticizing. This was at the beginning of October and a fortnight later I received a copy from Mr Brunner's office.

Whether it is now for Mr Brunner to write to member states saying that whatever confidentiality applied when the document was written in May now no longer applies or for Mr Benn to write to Mr Brunner asking if he may now reveal the document before Parliament, T do not know. Yours faithfully, NICEL HAIGH Vice-President, European Environmental Bureau,

Vauserstraat 31, B-1040 Brussels.

The activities of the Continuation of the Lib-Lab pact Unification Church From Reverend Peter Wyld

Sir, At Parish Communion yesterday we sang Charles Wesley's great Advent hymn, Lo, He comes with clouds descending and as I roared the last line—"Thou art Lord and Thou alone" to our Saviour, it struck me that the leaders of the Unification Church could them selves metre easily clear to pure selves very easily clear up for us a good deal of confusion about their beliefs. This would be most useful to those such as the staff of the Enquiry Centre of the Church of England who are often asked about them.

I am therefore writing to the four men whom I know or know of as prominent members of that Chorch prominent members of that Charch in this country, as follows:

"Mrs Baddeley's letter in The Times of Saturday, December 17th quotes Time magazine as quoting Pastor Moon himself as saving:

1. 'God is living in me and I am the incarnation of himself. The whole world is in my hand.'

2. 'God is now throwing Christianicu assess and is establish.

whole world is in my head.

2. God is now throwing Christianity away and is establishing a new religion.

3. Master here is greater than Jesus Christ himself.

"Will you together or separately, write to me or to The Times stating (a) whether in your belief Mr Moon in fact said these things (b) whether you agree that these claims whether you agree that these claims (either said or unsuit) are false (c) whether you agree that, true or false, they are incompatible with Christian belief (d) whether these things are taught anywhere in the Undirection Church either in this country or anywhere else."

Yours faithfully, PETER WYLD,

Director, General Synod Enquiry Centre, Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster SW1, December 19.

From Mrs Dorothy Beresford. Sir, As a mother who has lost a much loved son, may I congratulate you on your splendid articles by Diana Patt on the "Mounies", exposing this evil cult now growing in Britain.

My son Marcus, sged 25, was picked up a year ago and has been with the Unification Church ever since and is now a completely brainwashed "Moonie", although Diana Patt was told by them that they had never heard of Marcus Beresford. In a letter written this autumn he says "Please stop the Embassy from being the nuisance they insist on being; each week they phone some centre or other asking do I live there. It is most inconvenient, irritating and has already caused me one move to Watts. As for being illegally here, there are 50,600 illegal Mexicans in LA so who's looking for me? I have contacts who can give me felically derections of a softery existence in a black they avoid the British Consulate who are Diana Patt was told by them that ghetto for a month . . . simply to avoid the British Consulate who are trying to locate me. I get very

Regarding brainwashing he proudly says I was a group leader in a seminar, and in our group was one sister, a cynical procommunist. atheistic, journalist . in the last meal of the weekend she insisted on sawing everyone an amazing pura cand! Thank God! I had

on saving everyone—an arraying nurse and I hank. God! I had brainwashed her in 40 hours of love." The change in them after. a week is astounding!"

A few more add quotes from sporadic letters to us from a forwarding address may be of interest to ou. "I rise at 6 am and go to bed at midnight if I have time." My work is often pure drudgery. We do a lot of social work, collect tubish, clean hote! floors, work on the farm, sell flowers, make handictafts. "Cleaning streets is just 20 achieve the frame of mind—giving for others." "Also done some fund raising (ie, street collecting), we have people regularly making 400 dollars a day."

"Each 'person has a goal of finding one new member per month

finding one new member per month this means talking to something this means talking to something in the region of 80 people per day. Yes, it is a bit crazy. It isn't ordinary western logic. There are many ways people come into the Unification Church: in San Francisco they just ask you up for the weekend." "I miss my freedom sometimes because we do love communally." "In 1980 the International World Crusade has a target Moscow. We will crusade in target, Moscow. We will crusade in Moscow, and love bomb them: We are working intensely for goals that are very important, the Second

Coming."
"People who've been in the movement just a few years—you can't argue, with them, they're never jealous, or greedy; lust is meaningless to them, and resemment doesn't reside there at all."

In short, the perfect "Moonie" is just a brainwashed zombie like poor Tony mentioned in Monday's article (December 12) article (December 12). My son no longer writes me or my husband. After months of search, anguish, compassion, I told him what I thought of his "cult"-

Yours sincerely,
DOROTHY BERESFORD,
Nether Wallop, Hampshire,

since when—silence.

Inner city schools From the Leader of the Inner London: Education Authority

Sir. As a "responsible research worker in the field", to use his own phrase, Professor Rex (December 12) ought at some point to explain what he means by "the largely segregated primary and secondary schools in the inner city": Who is being segregated from or by whom and where is his evidence? I am not an interpreter of govern-

ment White Papers but I can speak from direct experience of the planning that follows them. So far as the White Paper on Inner Cities is concerned, the need to provide employment opportunities for young people from every ethnic group, with particular emphasis on those experiencing the greatest problems, has been central to that planning over the past few months. To sugget otherwise is nonsense. Yours faithfully, ASHLEY BRAMALL. Leader of the ILEA. The County Hall, SEL.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir, I note from your front page report of the meeting of the Liberal peers last Thursday that all except one of the 14 Liberal peers attending rejected continuation of the Lib-Lab pact as decided upon by the Leader of the Liberal Party, David Steel, MP:

As I was number for husiness

As I was unable for business reasons to attend this meeting, I feel that as a Joint Treasurer the party and a former President, I should make it clear that I personally approve of David Steel's attitude as Leader of the party in supporting the Lib-Lab pact for the

I had informed him of my view prior to his afternoon meeting with the Prime Minister as many recent contacts indicated that large sec-tions of industry felt that by his action he was bringing stebility to government and therefore to incus-try and should be supported at the present time. Yours faithfully,

LLOYD OF KILGERRAN. House of Lords.
December 16.

From Mr. Jeffery Roberts From Mr. Jeffery Roberts.

Sir. Your le-der of December 15, and Mr Richard Lamb's letter of the same date, entirely miss the electoral significance of the Parliamentary Liberal Party's failure to end the Lib-Lab Pact and turn out the Government. It may well be true that the public ar large has little interest in either Europe or fair voting. But the public know that the Liberal Party cares deeply about Europe and the fair representation of public opinion in Parliament. On Wednesday, last the public saw that the Liberal Party public sew that the Liberal Party lacked the courage to turn round

and fight.
The British "respect courage; The iBritish "respect courage; especially is those who appear to be all but beaten. I hope that once David Steel and his Parliamentary colleagues have had the chance to ascape the incestuous and debilitating aurosphere of Westminster, they: will be ready to lead the Liberal Party into its only means of defence.—Attack.

Yours faithfully,

J. RORERTS.

ROBERTS, J. ROBERIS, 2 Albion Terrace, Haggerston, E8.

Front Lord Rochester

Sir, in view of your report (December: 16) on the meeting of Liberal peets, may I say that had I been able to attend I would have argued in favour of the Lib-Lab pact for the following reasons:

the rollowing reasons:

Liberals entered into the pact
last spring in the national interest to provide stable government and to help wage war against inflation. This dangery title, we should not now quit the front line on grounds that the electorate will perceive to be in the interests of relatively narrow party advantage. I am strongly in favour of proportional representation, but the Labour Party has entered into no clear commitment on this point and it does not therefore provide an adequate reason for withdrawal from

the pact now.

2. In my view the economic and industrial measures needed to conquer inflation may well prove so painful that even with Liberal Party support the present Government will not be willing to carry them through. That would be the time for judg-ment by Liberals and indeed the country at large, Meanwhile the

From Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran, QC Lib-Lab pact must be preserved as the nearest approach to a wider

political consensus that can be achieved. If the pact is sustained the Liberal Party will eventually be seen to have led the way towards this national consensus and will thereby gain in public esteem.

3. In David Steel Liberals have found a leader of vision and courage who in the past nine months

has enabled us acrually to influence events. If he is now disavowed, what alternative strategy and leadership alternative strategy and will we have to put before the electorate that are more credible and patriotic than his? Yours faithfully, ROCHESTER, House of Lords,

From Mr R. S. Rountree Sir. As both a former Liberal parliamentary candidate and a member of the National Committee for Elec-toral Reform, I find it impossible to join those in the Liberal Party who would seek to break the Lib/ Lab pact on account of the result of the free vote in the House of Commons on the method of direct elections to the European Assembly. I believe the pact to have been genuine response to last year's national economic crisis and that Mr Steel is therefore right in insisting that the electorate would con-demn the breaking of it on account of such a secondary consideration as that of the voting system to be applied to only one election for the European Assembly. The real significance of the House of Commons vote lies in the fact that in pro-viding for the use of the single transferable vote in Northern Ireland in an election involving the whole of the United Kingdom MPs have demonstrated beyong reasonable doubt the need for proportional representation throughout Britain.

Proportional representation for

Northern Ireland is generally accepted as essential because of the recognition that the province is politically divided in such a way as pointcany divided in such a way as to make elections on the first past the post basis counter productive for the harmonious working of a free society. Our post war economic failure has shown that in a different way the whole of Britain is equally a divided society so that our con-vention, electoral pattern is at best contributing to our economic ills and at worst to the breaking up of the cohesion of our community.

I am not a socialist but, like I

I am not a socialist but, like I imagine most other people, I am prepared to work to bein make a success of a socialist society if it is shown that the majority of one's fellow citizens are in favour of such a course. What I find intolerable is the steady drift towards an inefficient evaluation. cient socialism when only a minority mind, and I am therefore at a loss to understand their opposition to an electoral system that provides against such an eventuality. Surely they do not really believe that it is either desirable or practical for this country to accept permanent one party rule? If not, would those Conservatives who oppose pro-portional representation please ex-plain clearly what are their alterna-tives to halt the eventual slide to corporatism imposed by the minority against the wish of the majority? Yours faithfully, RICHARD S. ROWNTREE, Kingthorpe, Pickering, North Yorkshire. December 14.

Buying books

From Mr Martyn Goff.

Sir, Mr J. D. Cable (December 16) in highlighting the difficulty of buying a particular book fails to put the matter in perspective. Nineteen seventy-seven will have seen more than 30,000 new books published. and there are more than one quarter of a million books in print. It really is not reasonable, whatever the deficiencies of the British book trade, distribution, to expect all these to be available in a matter of hours or days. What surely is much more important is that there are in this country, a large number of bookshops with a very wide and comprehensive stock of books.
Yours faithfully,
MARTYN GOFF,

Director, The National Book League, 7 Albemarle Street, W-1.

From Mr David St John Thomas Sir, Mr Cable (December 16) is right in saying that publishers have ware-houses full of books, and we would be delighted to see ours empried and the volumes read and enjoyed. But

as usual in the last 10 days before Christmas, my invoicing, and despatch departments are slack. Despite our best efforts to tell the trade and public that at least this publisher despatches by return right up to the afternoon of December 23 (we have a 24-hour answering service for the trade, make our representatives ever available, accept telephone credit card orders, will telephone credit card orders, will despatch books to one address and the invoice to another, indeed do anything reasonable including dis-cussing the fascination of rival cussing the fascination of rival narrow gauge railways) business has dried up. By November 25 each year some booksellers start telling customers it is "too late", often irrespective of the service of the publisher concerned; we are all lumped rogether as black sheep. So thousands are turned away from giving books. It is the non-fun part of publishing. of publishing. Yours urgently, DAVID ST JOHN THOMAS,

usual in the last 10 days before

Chairman, David & Charles, Brunel House, Forde Road, Newton Abbot,

The Star of Bethlehem

From the Bishop of Kingston Sir. The Three Wise Men from the West mentioned by your Religious Affairs Correspondent today (December 12) are by no means the first to seek in Chinese records for a mention of the Star of Bethlea mention of the Star of Bettilehem. Munter first drew attention to this possibility in Der Stern der Weisen (Copenhagen, 1827). In an article in Novum Testumentum (Vol 4, 1960, p 141) a note was contributed by Dr Joseph Needham, FRS, who had researched Chinese records. He pointed out that K. Lundmark in Actes du VIIe Conche Microwy des Sciences (Paris. Lundmerk in Actes du VIIe Congrès d'Histoire des Sciences (Paris, 1953) regards it as possible that the Chinese reference which you cite related to the Star of Bethlehem; and Dr P. J. Message calculated that the part of the sky near coy Aquilae (Ho-Ku constellation in the Chinese record) is visible from the latitude of Palestine and Babylonia for part of every night except for a period at the end of January and beginning of February, when the sun is in that region of the sky.

Your article does not point out

Your article does not point out the further mention of a po comet (without a tail) noticed in the fol-lowing year BC4, according to Chien Han Shu, XI, p 6b. Yours faithfully,

# HUGH KINGSTON, White Lodge. 23 Bellevne Road, Wandsworth Common, SW17. December 12.

Sale of pornography

From Mr E. R. Shackleton
Sir, Referring to the letter from
Mr Taylor (December 7), may I
assure your many readers that there
is not a word in Scripture to suggest that harlots, still less child pornographers, enter the Kingdom of Heaven unless they repent and abandon their way of life. The next verse (Marthew xxi 32) makes this very plain. The harlots repented when they heard the preaching of John the Baptist and therefore, entered the Kingdom. The Pharisees heard the same preaching but did not repent of their self-righteousness. This scripture has been misquoted once too often. Yours sincerely. EDWARD SHACKLETON,

The Flat. Cobb's Farm. North Moreton, Near Didcot, Oxfordshire.

William Joyce From Mr Jeffrey Hamm Sir, Mrs Lena Jeger (December 15)

referred to the record of William Joyce in the war and stated he was a member of the British Union of Pascists. In fact, he was expelled from that organization in March, 1937, two and a half years before the war began, Yours truly, JEFFREY HAMM, 76a Rochester Row, SW1.

· Public sector salaries

From Lord Boyd-Carpenter

Sir, May I, as one who up to earlier this year had an interest, as Chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority, but who as such saw close-up the problems created by the Government's mishaudling of the pay of members of nationalized bearing of members of nationalized boards, firm article "No rise since 1972: and now 5. per cent" (December 17)

But there are two further points which are worth bringing out. In the case of the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and of one or two other bodies, the full time executive board members are in many cases former civil servants who had transferred to the boards from the Civil Service. Their starting pay related closely, though on the low side, to that of their colleagues who had remained in the service. But whereas the Government anolied the full Top Salary Review Board (TSRB) recommendations to civil (TSRB) recommendations to civil servants up in £13.000 a year plus half of any difference between that figure and the recommended one to all the civil servants concerned, to all the civil servants concerned, they refused any rise to those former civil servants who had joined the boards. And the discrimination was sharmened by the fact that in cases where the civil servents received less than the amount recommended by the TSRB, they were granted the important concession that their nensions should be computed on the basis that they were receiving the full recommended figure. By contrast the board members' nensions, as matters now stand, will suffer permanently the full effects of the Government's action.

Government's action. Government's action.

The other contrast is with their own staffs. By way of example, a former officer of the CAA was promoted a year or two see both to a crucially important exposintment as Controller of Sefety and as the board of the a member of the beard of the Authority. As a result he roday receives not only some thousands a year less than his subordinate who renlared him in his former official past but less also than that sub-ordinate's subordinate. And the Government cannot argue ther this is because the CAA was lavish in its salaries. These are linked to those of the Civil Service. One effect of this ludicrously inefficient state of affairs has been that another officer promoted to a top post in the Authority has very firmly and sensibly declined board member-

Ir would seem at first sight that Government dedicated to expansion of the public sector should single out for special ill treatment those on whom it depends for renning it. It is, however, an open secret that this extremities of the fact that it is often in relatively small matters that governments. I'ke individuals, give away significant indications of the basic meanness of their character. I am, Sir, your obedient servant, POYD-CARPENTER House of Lords.

Rudolf Hess

December 19.

From Mr Hugh Dykes, MP for Har-row East (Conservative) Sir. The denial of even an addisin, the demai of even an acon-tional half-hour of visiting time for Rudolf Hess's wife at Christmas— and to celebrate their golden wed-ding—is a further indication, if any be needed, of Soviet intranspence and brutality on this matter. Look-ing back on it in future years, the western allies will surely be deeply ashamed that they did not overrule this utterly cruel Soviet obstinacy and released Rudolf Hess years ago. Thus will our national sense of moral superiority be damaged in the

funce. How many times will it need to be repeated that this broken, hopeless figure from the past left the Third Reich before that; regime's worst excesses and barbarities, and that he has now been locked up in

quasi-solitary confinement for nearly forty years?

Even if it were comprehensible, it would not be possible to admire the combined stance of the State Department, the Foreign Office and the Quai d'Orsay on this tragic Yours faithfully, HUGH DYKES. House of Commons. December 19.

From the same school From Dr N. M. Horsfall

Sir, William Mason, writing to Horace Walpole (July 2, 1782), observed: "There was a bishop, I think it was Sprat, who thanked God that though he was not educated at Westminster, yet he became a bishop." Sprat died in 1713 and had he lived another five receive his remark might have heen years his remark might have been yet more acerbic; 1718, or there-abouts, marked the high point of abouts, marked the high point of Westminster domination of the Bench of Bishops: in that year Bath and Wells, Winchester (and bad Trelawny died? Indeed not!). Exeter, Rochester (Sprar's successions) sor, Atterbury), Chester, Bristol, Kildare and the archbishopric of Tuam were all filled by pupils of

Richard Busby.

The Bishop of Norwich (December 13) may find my answer to his challenge of merely antiquarian interest, but he did not specify any limits of time and area. N: M. HORSFALL

Department of Latin University College London, Gower Street, WC1.

From Canon Trevor Beeson Sir, The Bishop of Norwich was, it seems, surprised and excited to discover that a number of his episcopal colleagues in the House of Lords attended the same public school (December 13). May I venture to hope, Sir, that if he had discovered that these bishops had not attended the same public school this would have occasioned even greater surprise and excitement? Yours faithfully, TREVOR BEESON. 2 Little Cloister, Westminster Abbey,

### **COURT CIRCULAR**

December 19: His Excellency Mr Phan Wannamethee was received in audience by The Queen this morning and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipoterciary from the Kingdom of Thalland to the Court of St

James's.
His Excellency was accompanied His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy, who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Mr Virthya Vejlajiva (Counsellor), Captain Amnuay lamsuro (Naval Attaché), Group Captain Sarubhungs Gajajiva (Air Attaché), Colonel Kamchat, Puranasamriddhi (Military Attaché), Mr Samran Thawarayusm (Cultural Counsellor), Mr Prayot Rangsiyanon (Economic and Financial Counsellor), Mr Somsak Yamasmit (Commercial Counsellor) and Mr Vichien Chatsuwan (First Secretary).

Madame Wannamethee had the honour of being received by The Queen.

Oueen. Sir Michael Palliser (Permanent Sir Michael Paluser (Fermanent Under-Secretary of State for For-eign and Commonweath Affairs), who had the honour of being received by Her Majesty, was present and the Gendemen of the Household in Waiting were in

Air A. T. Lamb was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Osio.

Mrs Lamb had the honour of being received by The Queen.

The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, this evening honoured

### Birthdays today

Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, 70; Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP, 51; Sir Geoffrey Kitchen, 71; Sir John Lang, 81; Sir Robert Menries, 83; Sir Clifford Nauton Morgan, 76; Sir Morien Morgan, 55; Viscount Sandon, 55; Sir Dick White, 71.

### Latest wills

Dr John Percy Vyvian Ducre Baisdon, of Oxford, smeritus fellow of ixeter College, ancient instorian and author, left estate in the United Kingdom, excluding his literary assets, valued at 156,933 net. He left his classical and ancient history library, the proceeds of my copyrights and royalides on his literary works and a third of the residue to the third of the residue to the Eritish School at Rome.

Maud Eleanor Cecil Stoughton, of Wimbledon, left £126.099 net. Site left half the residue to the Korean Mission.

Other estates include (net. before two poids; tax not disclosed):
Collins, Mr Charles Frederick, of Sutton Coldiled
Dale, Mr George Martin, of Paignton Garrick, Miss Greeta Landale, of Garrick, Miss Greeta Landale, of Hitchin Tios, 882 Tooper, Groom and Mrs Nicholes

Mission.

The infant twin son and daughter of Mr and Mrs Merfyn Bourne of Mr and Mrs Merfyn Bourne of Mr and Gordon Randolph Howard and Georgina Constance Myfanwy by their grandfather, the Myfanwy by their grandfather, the Mrs Georgina Constance of Mr and Mrs Merfyn Bourne of Mr and Gordon Randolph Howard and Georgina Constance of Mr and Mrs Merfyn Bourne of Mr and Gordon Randolph Howard and Georgina Constance of Mr and Geo

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the Commonwealth High Commisstoners in the United Kingdom with her presence at dinner at Marlborough House. Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received upon arrival by His Excellency Mr Costas Ashioris (High Commissioner for Cyprus) and Mrs

The Duchess of Grafton, th Right Hon Sir Philip Moore and Licutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in attendance. The Queen was represented by the Lord Maclean (Lord Chamberlain) at the Memorial Service for the Lord Rowallan, which was held in the Guards Chapel today.

KENSINGTON PALACE December 19: The Duke of Gloucester was present at a banquet given by The President and the Council of the Institute of Char-tered Secretaries and Admini-strators at the Guildhall, City of Lordon this empring Lordon, this evening.
Lieutenant Colonel Simon Bland was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE December 19: The Duchess of Kent this morning planted a tree in the garden of The Bishop's House, Norwich, to commemorate The Queen's Silver Jubilee.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE December 19: Priocess Alexandra and the Hon Augus Ogllry were present this evening at the Olym-pia International Show Jumping

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Anthony Hugh Francis, sixth Earl of Rosslyn, will be held on Friday, January 6, at noon in Rosslyn Chapel, Midlothian.

Lady Fergusson Hannay (Doris Lectie) is sending no cards but wishes all her friends joyous Mr and Mrs George Yates, of Aldworth House, deeply regret not sending cards this year but wish all their friends a very Happy

Christmas and New Year. Mr Peter Edwards sends, from Hongkong, his best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all his friends in the United Kingdom.

### Today's engagements

The Prince of Wales attends carol concert, Westminster Cathedral, Changing of the Guard, Bucking-ham Palace, 11.30. For children: National Gallery, moving picture room, "Got the Picture" quiz, 11.30-4.30; National Portrait Gallery, Picture "quiz, 11.30-4.30; National Portrait Gallery, "Making Faces", 10.15-1; Tate Gallery, Spot the detail "quiz and animated films, 12-4. Carol services: St James's, Garlick Hill, 1.05; All Hallows-by-the Tower, 1.10: St Lawrence Jewry, 1; St Mary Aldermary, 4.30.

4.30.
British Museum. Animals in Art exhibition. 10-5.
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At a dinner given by the Speaker of the House of Commons in Speaker's House yesterday evening the guests included:

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Ronald Humier, Dame Rosemary Mirray
and Mr Norman St John-Stevas, Mp.

Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators

The Duke of Gloucester was the principal guest and speaker at the annual dinner of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, held at Guildhall yesterday evening. Other speakers included Mr John F. Phillips, president of the institute, Mr Robin Clarke, vice-president and Robin Clarke, vice-president and the Lord Mayor of London, who was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress and the Sheriffs and their ladies. The guests included the ambassadors of South Africa and the Republic of Ireland, and the Republic of Ireland, and the presidents and other repre-sentatives of professional and other hodies in industry, commerce and public affairs.

Combined Cadet Force Association The Combined Cadet Force Association held their annual Association held their officers' dinner at the Connaught vesterday. Lieurenauth Rooms yesterday. Lieutensut-Colonel K. N. Marshall, vice-chairman of the association, was in the chair and the principal guest was Mr W. L. F. Newcombe. Among mem present were:

General Sir Charles Harrington. Vice-Admiral Sir In Hops Major-Gomerals Evri Chicard. Sir Meatrice Downs. M. B. C. Shankand and Sir Meatrice Downse. M. B. Commodore T. P. Seymout RAT. Retd. Colonels D. A. Seiney and T. D. Loyd-Jonas; Lietjonant-Colonel C. E. Bond. Mr. D. J. Skippor. Mr. R. H. Adams and Mr. E. J. Dorreil.

### Latest appointments Latest appointments include :

Mr N. C. Norfolk, aged 57, a senior principal in the Paymaster Senior principal in the Paymaster General's Office, has been appointed Assistant Paymaster General, in succession to Mr F. J. Clay, who is retiring.

Mr W. A. Dodd to be chief education adviser to the Ministry of Overseas Development, in succession to Mr J. E. C. Thornton, who is retiring.

Mr Geoffrey Norman, formerly clark to the Stevenage and North Mr Geoffrey Norman, formerly clerk to the Stevenage and North Bertfordshire Magistrates, to be secretary of the Magistrates Association, in succession to Mr A. J. Brayshaw, who has retired. The Bishop of Grantham, the Right Rev Deumis Hawker, has been apointed rational chairman of the Church of England Men's Society in succession to the Society in succession to the Bishop of Exeter, the Right Rev

Eric. Mercar.
Mr F. D. Jones to be chairman of the board of the College of Estate Management, in succession to Mr R. G. A. Lothouse. R. G. A. Lotthouse.
Mr Robert Ponsonby, Controller
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# £9,500 for figure of Roman among high prices in sale of Renaissance bronzes

Sale Room Correspondent A sixteenth century bronze figure A sixteenth-century bronze figure of a Roman speaker, after the antique, was sold at Christie's yesterday for £9,500 (estimate £10,000 to £15,000. The figure is naked apart from a short cloak clasped over one shoulder. It is 31cm high. The modelling and patination suggest that it is of French or Flemish origin. The Prench or Flemish origin. The

purchaser was Costantini, an Italian dealer.

Other high prices in the sale of Renaissance bronzes and works of art included an English seal ring of about 1570 at £7,500 (estimate £3,000 to £5,000), to S. J. Phillips. The plain gold hoop is see with a Crostal seal engraved is set with a crystal seal engraved with a coat of arms backed by

coloured foil.

The back of the bezel is engraved with a grasshopper. Six engraved with a grasshopper. rings of the period engraved with a grasshopper are recorded and it has been suggested that they were given to guests at a hanquet given by Sir Thomas Gresham for Queen Elizabeth in 1570 to celebrate the opening of the Royal Exchange. The grasshopper was an armorial device of the

A Venetian bronze doorknocker incorporating a mermaid and a merman growing out of an acanthus swag and three putti made £7,000 (estimate £3,000 to The sale totalled £174,168 with

26 per cent unsold. Barly wood-carvings, which have recently been much in demand from Germany and northern Europe, proved one of the weakest sections of the sale, of the weakest sections of the sale, several important lots being unsold. A southern German limewood figure of St Catherine, of about 1510, was bought in at £8,500 (estimate £5.000 to £8,000). In contrast, minor Limoges enamels were selling will beyond

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I MRS. RAMLESH. SATURGUN NATHANI wife of Mr. JACOISH GOBDRAM ASSUMALL whose permanent address in india is 15 fabulmath Road Bambay 40,0007 and is how living at 24A Addison Cardens London Wila hereby give nolice of my intention to change my name to Mrs. AARTI JACOISH ASSUMALL subject to the approval of the High Commissiones of India, London.

**Marriages** 

# Society's sale of English por-trait miniatures included a fine pair of over miniatures of chil-dren, William and Maria Bur-roughs, by John Smart, dated 1797, at £16,000 (estimate £8,000 to £10,000). Forthcoming .

Sotheby's for £16,000.

expectations; a rectangular plaque of Apollo piping made £1,500 (estimate £400 to £600).

Christie's sale of English and

Christie's sale of English and Continental ceramics made £90,124, with 11 per cent unsold. A pair of 71in ormolu-mounted Sevres vases decorated with Napoleon's marriage and Napoleon crowning Josephine, made £19,500 (estimate £15,000 to £20,000). A pair of 50in vases, decorated with hunting scenes, made £11,500 (estimate £8,000 to £12,000). Both pairs of vases were sold to Skandia.

Mr. P. N. de Milie and Mrs A. M. Cox The marriage took place quietly on Saturday, December 17, in Suffolk, between Mr Peter Noël de Mille, elder son of Mr and Mrs Noël de Mille, of Thorpeness, Suffolk, and Mrs Angela Mary Cox., eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Cooper, of Solthull, West Midlands. marriages Mr W. N. Bingley and Miss C. M. R. Cooper The engagement is announced between William, son of Lady Bingley and the late Admiral Sir Alexander Bingley, of Hoddesdonbury, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire, and Candida, daughter of Mr and Mrs Graham Cooper, of Shepherds Close, Hinksey Hill, Oxford.

Mr P. C. Cox Mr P. C. Cox and Miss L. E. F. Burn The engagement is amounced between Patrick, younger son of Mr and Mrs Robert Cox. of Bram-bridge, Hampshire, and Lorne Elizabeth Forsyth, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. M. Burn, of Povey Cross House, Horley, Surrey.

Mr C. Gardner and Miss. C. Knowles amounced between Clive, son of Mr and Mrs L. S. Gardner, of Horoids, Norfolk, and Chris, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. P. Knowles, of Skelton, York.

and Mrs J. Russell-Roberts
The marriage took place at Kensingma Register Office yesterday between Mr Mark Tempson-d'Eyncourt, of 46 Princedale Road, Will, son of the lase Captain and the Hon Mrs Raigh Tempson-d'Eyncourt, and Mrs Jenny Russell-Roberts, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Lame Fox, of Middleton House, Middleton Cheney, Banbury, Oxfordshire, Canon Edwyn Young officiated at a service of blessing held afterwards in the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy.

A reception was held at the Savoy Hotel,
Mr E. O. C. Wood Mr A. M. Hunter Johnston and Miss E. J. Robinson The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Mr

### Memorial service

and Miss J. H. Pinches
The marriage took place in Westminster Abbey yesterday between
Mr Edward Wood, only son of the
Hon Richard Wood, MP, and Mrs
Wood, and Miss Joanna Pinches,
elder daughter of Mr and Mrs
John Pinches. The Very Rev Dr
E. F. Carpenter, Dean of Westminster, officiated, assisted by the
Rev. Roger, Job., precentor and Lord Rowalian The Queen was represented by The Queen was represented by Lord Macken at a memorial service for Lord Rowalian held in Rev Chand Wellington R. T. J. K. Wood officiated. Sir Whilam Gladstone, Chief Scott, read the lesson and Major-General Viscount Bridgeman gave, an address. Among those present were: ALFA ROMEO MONTREAL.

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and Busching-Indaw), the Hon Robert (aon and Busching-Indaw), the Hon Robert Corpoil (aon), Mr and the Hon Mrs. (C. Petterson 1 ton-Indaw), and (Comminding Granding Guarda).

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ment of the funds, answerable to management boards drawn partly from British Raff executives

and partly from employees. There are two main funds: the Wages. Grades Pension Fund and the British Raff Superannuation Fund, which carers for salaried staff.

Good miniatures of the period

and Mrs D. A. Hunter Johnston, of Little Hadham, Herrfordshire, and Elizabeth, younger daughter of the late Rev G. C. Robinson and of Mrs G. H. Robinson, of Bromley, Kent.

and Miss E. Knolles

The engagement is announced between Tony Kemp, of Leigh, Kear, elder son of Mr and Mrs W. V. Kemp, of Camerbary, and Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A. S. Knolles, of Hampton, Middlesex.

and Priscalla, daughter of Pener and Priscalla, daughter of South

Mr J. G. Phillips and Miss P. M. Saworth

Mr T. V. Kemp and Miss E. Knolles

Dr N. P. Meyer and Miss P. M. Pope

# Rail pensions' watchdog

The British Refiways Board an-nounced yesterday that a new post, "general manager, pension fund," will be failed by Mr J. A. Morgan, who has worked for Warburg's and Williams and Glyn's Bank and joined N. M. Rothschild Asset Management Limited as a direction last west. director last year.

British Rail pension funds have recently been criticized over their film investments in art. British. Rail said yesterday that the post had been created to ensure overall control of investments.

Mr Morgan will take overall charge of the day-to-day manage-

25 years ago

From The Times of Friday, Dec 19, 1952

COFORATION 5S piece

The Treasury amounced yesterday that the obverse design of the commemoration of the correlation of the correlation of the correlation of the correlation is an effigy of the Queen on horseback in the uniform of Colonel-in-Chief, Grenadier Gnards. This presentation of the gueen will recall the familiar portrait on the first occasion that she took the salute at the ceremony of Trooping the Colour. Mr Gilbert Ledward, RA, the sculptor, has offered the monarch on the Great Seals of the Realm. The Queen's figure faces to the left—the opportunit on the first occasion that she took the salute at the ceremony of Trooping the Colour. Mr Gilbert Ledward, RA, the sculptor, has other treatment. The design incorporates the horse Winston.

which carers for salaried staff.

Mr Morgan will have overall
charge of both those funds, whose
investments cover a wide range.
The breakdown at present is along
the following lines: 15 per cent
in property, 15 per cent in cash
and fixed investments, 60 per cent
in United Kingdom equities, and
10 per cent divided between works
of art, overseas investments, direct
investments, short-term leans and
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Science report

### Agriculture: Why wheat is dwarf Scientists at the Agricultural ally stures the growth of ordinary

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College have isolated a naturalgrowth retardant from the dwarf
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The semidwarf wheats that fermed the basis of the Third World's "green revolution" were first bred in 'Mexico by Mr Norman Borlaus, Nobel Peace prize winner, from a dwarf Japanese variety. Unlike the native long-stemmed varieties of wheat, the new plants could be given more fertilizer to increase grain yield without causing tall stems that collapse and make harvesting impossible. With short stems more of the plant's resources could be directed into the grain rather than the unit of Systemic Fungicides at the cause of this natural dwarfsm in the Mexican-bred wheat and in similar varieties bred in the past few years at the Plant Breeding Institute at Campridge.

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at the cause of this natural dwarfism in the Mexican-bred wheat and in similar varieties bred in the past few years at the Plant Breeding Institute at Cambridge. They have isolated a compound from those wheats that dramatic-

1977.

### **OBITUARY**

### PROF ARTHUR ERDÉLYI Mathematics at Edinburgh

Professor Arthur Erdélyi, FRS, who died on December 12 at the age of 69, was Professor of Marhematics in the University of Edinburgh, He was born on October 2,

1908, in Budapest. He attended school there from 1914 to 1926 and then went to Brno, Czechoslovakia, to a technological institute for his terriary education, where his initial studies were directed towards electrical engineering. His particular flair for mathematics was soon anparent and under normal circumstances a career in professional mathematics in Czechoslovakia would have been assured. The pair of portrait miniatures by John Smart sold at

The German occupation of Czechoslovakia forced him to leave the country early in 1939. Largely due to the good offices of Sir Edmund Whittaker, he was given support to enable Good miniatures of the period were much in demand, with a pretty young girl in a blue hat by George Engleheart, dating from about 1780, at £4,200 (estimate £500 to £1,000). The great early period of miniature painting was represented by a tiny painting of a nobleman by Nicholas Hilliard at £7,000 (estimate £8,000 to £12,000) and a pair of Peter Olivers, depicting Frederick and Elizabeth of Bohemia and dating from 1620, which were unsold at £4,200 (estimate £5,000 to £7,000).

The sale of miniatures made £72,735, with 11 per Cent unsold. A book sale at Sotheby's made £37,192, with less than 1 per cent unsold. It included the 1818 three-volume first edition of Mary Shelley's Frankenstein at £520 (estimate £300 to £400). him to come to Edinburgh in February, 1939, and in 1941 be became a lecturer on the staff of the Mathematics Department. His long association with the California Institute of Technology began in 1947. He spent a yest there, returning to Edinburgh for the year 1948-49, and in 1949 went back to Passilena as Professor of Mathematics at the California Institute, one of the great scientific centres of learning a post which he was to hold for the next 15 years. In 1964 he returned to Edin-

burgh University as Professor

of Mathematics in which capa city he served until his death. He became a naturalized British citizen in 1947, and retained this citizenship despite his long period in the United States. To Erdelyi over the years were accorded the academic honours that were his due. In 1940 he was awarded the degree of DSc(Edin). He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh in 1945, a Foreign Member of the Academy of Sciences of Toring in 1953, and a Fellow of the Royal Society of London in 1975. In 1977 he was awarded the Gunning Vicwas awarded the Guiding vic-toria Jubilee Prize of the Royal Society of Edinburgh. He is a former president of the Edin-burgh Mathematical Society and served on the Council of

and served on the council of the American Mathematical Society. He held joint or associate editorship of a number of periodicals. He held visiting professorships at the Habrary Impactive Languagem Hebrew University, Jerusalem, in 1956-57 and at the University of Melbourne in 1970. Erdélyi was a mathematician of insmense talent and had a wonderful ability to range over the fields of both pure and applied methematics. primerily an analyst. His books and research poners, together with the achievements of his many research students, are a permanent record of the out-standing contribution he made

world's leading opera houses. In 1954 he appeared for the

first time with the New York

rist time with the New Lork City Opera, and conducted the premiere of Copland's The Tender Land. He made his Metropolitan debut in Decem-ber 1955 when he was only 25, with no less an undertaking

than the première of a new pro-

He conduced to conduct at the house with fair regularity

until recently, only his illness forcing him to withdraw from

range encompassed most of the

regular Italian and German

His only Covent Garden an

pearance came in June 1968 when he conducted Elektra, a

performances last season.

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duction of Don Psquale.

to the subject of mathematics to which he devoted his life. He is survived by his widow.

### MR THOMAS SCHIPPERS establishing himself in the

Mr Thomas Schippers, the American conductor, has died at Cleveland, Ohio, after a long idlness. He was 47.
Schippers was born at Kalamazoo in Michigan on March 9,
1930. He studied at the Curtis Institute of Music at Philadel-phia from 1945 to 1947, completing a four-year course in a much shorter time, and already showing immense possibilities. From there he worked further rrom mere de worked termer on the piano, conducting and composition at Yale and at the Juilliard School of Music. Among his teachers was the composer Paul Hindemith, an influential figure on Schippers's reportation of musicians.

generation of musicians. He made a precoclous debut as a pianist on a local radio station at the age of eight. After working as an operatic coach in lyrical reading of Strauss's New York and earning a living score. He made his La Scala in spasmodic appearances as a debut in May, 1955, and conpianist and organist, he made a breakthrough when he shared the first spage performances of Menord's The Consul in 1950. He then directed the first of the Cincinatti Symptony British performances at the Cambridge Theatre a year later. Sor of Music at the Cincinatti He continued to work with Conservators.

and Miss F. M. Haworth
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American conductors from which his juniors have greatly benefited. In the meantime, he was

### SIR RALPH COCHRANE

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Cochrane we lose an officer who Cochrane we lose an officer who has been of outstanding service to this country and to the Royal Air Force. His exceptional technical and edministrative abilities were only matched by his powers of command, and in his long career in the services in which he started as a miship-

which he started as a midship-man RN be gave ample evidence of all those qualities.

I was fortunate to profit by his services as a flight com-mander in No 45 Squadron which I commanded in Traq in the early 1920s and again in Bomber Command during the

Sir David Steel, British Petroleum Company writes:

Mr Bryan Dummett, CBE, fited from his energetic leader who died on December 14, had been a managing director of the British Petroleum Company
Limited for 15 years and one of its deputy chairmen for five years before his retirement from the company in 1972.

During his 36 years with the BP group he had been deeply involved in the area of Euro-

of that complicated and hazardous operation and many others. He instituted the Master Bomber a technique of controlling an operation while it was actually in progress and initiated it during the lightly successful attack on the Flying Bomb and V2 rocket development establishments at Peeneminde, a method which was subsequently adopted was subsequently adopted throughout the command.

He also introduced the false wind " technique which

the early 1920s and again in Bomber Command during the last war when I moved him from the operational training organization to the command of No 5 Bomber Group. In that group which be brought to the highest pitch of efficiency he was responsible for instituting a marker but onto the target. But development which had a marked effect on the whole progress and eventual outcome of the war.

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MR BRYAN DUMMETT

Sir David Steel, British Petro- became BP Australia in 1957,

involved in the area of European marketing and had sat on the boards of many of EP's associate companies.

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In 1953 Bryan Dummetr became the managing director of Commonwealth Oil Refineries which BP had just putchased from the Australian Government. He built up and expanded this company which

### DR MAURICE INGRAM

Hugh Symons writes:

Your obituary of Dr Maurice ingram did less than justice to his towering intellect and profound contribution to meat science. When the end of the Second World War was in sight people like Lord-Woolton and Sir Jack Drummond were facing the problem of feeding this nation until normality was regained. One venture was the

As a man precisely 2 metres tall he could not face the prospect of stooping while working in a ship's laboratory. Many of the advances made in meat technology in the 60's and 70's owe their origin to the obser-vations made during the whale meat freezing programme master minded by Maurice In-gram in the late 1940s.

M. Maurice Josco, for many regained. One venture was the canning and freezing of whole meat; in both of which Paris daily newspaper France-Maurice Ingram was intimately Soir, died on December 14. He was 53. He left France-Soir whaling at a Norwegian land recently after about 30 years station and would have gone with the newspaper, during a shirth he may be middle. down to the Antarctic pela which he covered three Middle gic whating factory ship East wars, the Indo-China con-Balaena had the decidend in fact and other international the laboratory not been so low. events.

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# **BUSINESS NEWS**

OR NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION SERVICE

A spokesman for ATV said last night that the group had looked at Tussaud's before the

S. Pearson bid was launched and notified the Tussaud's

been no discussions between the two boards. ATV already

holds a stake in Tussaud's of

just under 3 per cent.

As well as the straight cash bid. ATV is offering share-holders the alternative of a

cash and share mix comprising three of its own "A" ordinary shares and 308p cash for every

11 Tussaud's ordinary.
The ATV offer came only a

few hours after most Tussaud's hareholders received the

official document rejecting the Pearson bid, mainly on the grounds that the company

had sufficient financial strength to carry out its own expansion.
On the basis of the Tussaud's board's own profits forecast of £1.65m the ATV offer repre-

sents an exit p/e ratio of fractionally under 15. Tussaud's

shares closed unchanged ahead of the new bid at 52p.

Financial Editor, page 15

its independence and

# Trading profits of companies at £3,009m peak for quarter

Trading profits of British ompanies have increased sub-tantially in recent months in pite of the depressed level of conomic activity according to overnment figures published esterday. There was a rise of 23 per cent in gross trading rofits between the second and hird quarters of this year, neasured in money terms, and fter deducting stock apprecia-

on.
This took profits to more ben £3,000m for the first time. any single quarter. The actual igure was £3,009m, and con-linues the steady recovery that egan in the middle of last

ear.

The third quarter rise was obstantially higher than the inreases of 7.9 per cent and 10.9 er cent recorded in the first the end second quarters of 1977. One result has been a strik-be ng shift in the proportion of the nation's total domestic inome accounted for respectively y profits and income from imployment, fully restoring the osition that prevailed before he wages explosion of 1974 and he collapse in profits which

The reason for the improvenent appears to be, ar least sartly, the widespread delay by arge groups of workers in greeing to wage settlements. Only a small proportion of he number of workers who muld normally have settled by ow have actually done so. This specause each group is waiting o see what emerges as the mical level of wage increase or the present bargaining

mairies commonly represent in production costs, the effect of his delay has apparently been been swell corporate profits. This strongly suggests that when where is a big rush to make wage settlements, profits will correspondingly weaken, particularly as settlements will do inevitably involve substantial chack payments of pay.

In readiness for this, companies are probably investing their profits in short-term financial assets.

In the meantime, gross trad-ing profits have began to repre-sent a rapidly using proportion of total domestic income. In the third quarter this proportion reached 9.4 per cent, compared with 7.9 per cent in the early summer and less them 5 per cent during the trough in 1974. The converse of this is that income from employment has edged down, as a proportion of total domestic income, to 67.5 per cent in the late summer, compared with over 71 mer cent true pages earlier. per cent two year's earlier.

The broad picture for the state sector is similar. Yesterday's figures show a rise of 5.6 per cent in the gross trading surplus of state corporations. This comes against the back-ground of continuing depressed sround of continuing depressed business activity, as yesterday's government figures confirm. Total output is shown to have picked up in the July-September period, compared with the previous three months, but remains little better than in the early mouths of the year.

Even this small improvement appears to be largely the result of a good harvest, and owes virtually nothing to the industrial sector, which remained depressed.

Although consumers' expenditure recovered by about 11 per cent in the third quarter, this was not reflected in higher output. The reason is that manufacturers chose to run down their stocks—built: up involun-tarily in earlier months—rather than increase production.

This is borne out by the fall of £97m in stocks and work in progress that is now shown to have occurred during the third

It was the first significant drop in the physical value of stocks in any quarter for more than a year, and followed a sharp £203m rise in stocks during the second quarter.

### Pound soars against the dollar

By David Blake The pound rose nearly two lay in thin trading to close it \$1,3735. This is sterling's lighest rate against the dollar mine April 1, 1976. ents against the dollar yester-

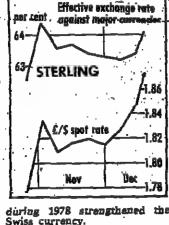
Sterling also rose against wher currencles to end the day with its effective exchange rate it 64.1 per cent of its 1971 perity, the highest level early, the highest level seconded since the beginning of November.

Commercial buying in the morning buoyed the pound, which had a pronounced effect because there were few people active in the market. By the afternoon, the dollar had started to show clear signs of weakening against cond-

of weakening against conti-nental currencies, closing two and a half prennings down egainst the mark and more than

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Swiss currency. There was no sign of inter-vention by European cantral banks to stop the dollar's slide, in sharp contrast to the policy which was followed until

recently.
Indeed, Dr Otmar Emminger, president of the Federal Bank, warned that the mark was likely to continue to be overvalued

for some time. He did, however, stress again three continues down against the German Government's determined to stay within the per cent target for money supply growth in Switzerland Nordic nations.

### Midland's date for streamline test

Midland Bank's pilot scheme joined to a Sunderland office.

These offices are designed to deal with the more specialized needs of business and professionary 3. Six branches in the Tyneside area will be linked to a Newcastle office and five branches in Wearside will be Financial Editor, page 15

opments will take place in Southampton Financial Editor, page 15

INTERIM STATEMENT

Unsudited results of the Group for the 26 weeks ended 28th

October, 1977 :	· ·	
<u> </u>	half year 1977	half year 1976
	· £600	£000
Sales	11,249	10,148
of which direct exports	2,895	3,330
Trading Profit	359	740
depreciation	497	342
interest	156	140
Profit/(less) before taxation	( 304)	258
trensfer from (provision for)		
deferred massing	150	( 134) 124
Profit/(loss) after fasation	( 154)	. 144
Dividends :	14	14
preference interior ordinary	nil	77.
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Most of the loss was incurred in the first four months, since when there has been a marked improvement in performance and this is being maintained in the second half of the financial year. With depreciation of nearly £500,000 and minimal capital expenditure, liquidity has improved. There is no major capital expenditure planned in the second half and liquidity should continue to improve.

the directors anticipate the company to operate profitably during the second half.

Protectionist, move instituted under Gatt anti-dumping provisions

# EEC puts floor price on foreign steel

to introduce a minimum price for steel imports from the beginning of next year so as to prevent undercutting of Community manufacturers by foreign compet-tors. The price will be enforced for at least three months, and possibly longer-In the meantime the European Commission has been authorized to try to persuade the EEC's main steel suppliers to agree voluntarily to observe minimum import prices linked to the guideline prices in operation on the Community's domestic

It is hoped that these negotiations can be completed to the Community's satisfaction by the end of next March. If satisfactory "voluntary" agreements have

satisfactory "voluntary" agreements have not been negotiated by then, however, the mandatory minimum import price will remain in force indefinitely.

'Under tonight's agreement the EEC will fix a basic price for steel imports' related to the production costs of the most efficient foreign producers in normal competitive conditions, which, at present are the Japanese. Imports entering the Community below this level will be immediately subject to an anti-dumping duty. mediately subject to an anti-dumping duty.
On the face of it, there appears to be very little difference between the EEC's. measures and the trigger price mechanism for steel imports proposed in the United States, which is still awaiting President Carter's approval.

Community officials insisted tonight, however, that the European measures would be legal under the anti-dumping

Americans, they said; were taking action under national anti-dumping procedures. Last week, Viscount Etienne Davignon, the EEC Commissioner responsible for Industrial Policy, said the commission was opposed to anything like a trigger price system for the EEC because of the damage which protectionist retaliation might do to the Community's interests as a net steel

Speaking for Britain, Mr Dell, Secretary of State for Trade, said of the commission's proposal: "It sounds like a very good scheme. Why don't we give it a try for a couple of months? But M Jean-François Deniau, Franço's Secretary of State for European Affairs, said his government wanted agreement now on a rmanent trigger price mechanism.

The existing guideline prices, covering a range of rolled products, are to be raised by 15 per cent next year in 5 per cent instalments, the first on January 1 and the second on April I. Mandatory minimum prices for concrete reinforcing bars will be maintained at their present level. In an attempt to counter undercutting of

minimum rebar prices by small, low-cost manufacturers in the Brescia region of Italy, dealers and merchants may be asked to accept an obligation not to buy rebars at less than the legal price. But there are doubts whether such a requirement can be reinforced.

In separate discussions, Mr Dell, Secretary of State for Trade, made clear Britain's difficulties in accepting in full the agreements on textile imports negoti-

ated by the Commission with more than 30 supplier countries. On these agreements binges the ability

of the EEC to agree to a renewal of the Gatr Multi-Fibre Arrangement by the end of the year.

In the case of four countries, India, Pakistan, Brazil and Egypt, the Commis-sion could get agreement only by going beyond the terms of its brief from member states concerning imports of comon yarn

and cotton cloth.

Mr Dell said acceptance of these agreements as they stood could mean the loss of 2,000 jobs in Britain's textile industry during the next five years. Discussions are to be continued tomor row morning.

### Whitehall talks on Comecon exports

Britain is attempting to curb imports of steel from the Soviet Union and other Bastern block countries next year in view of the British Steel Corporation's buge losses and expected further weakening of market conditions (Peter Hill writes). The regoriations being conducted by the Department of Trade, supported by the Department of Industry, have reached an advanced stage with most Comecon countries.

A key target is the Sovier Union, whose iron and steel shipments to Britain have risen from £7.2m last year to £12.2m in the first 10 months of this year. Poland is another supplier which the BSC wants to

# US increases may nullify plan for import curbs

From Frank Voel

Washington, Dec 19 The United States Government's plan to reduce sharply foreign steel sales in this country by the establishment of a reference price for imports. "reference price" for importa-may now be undermined by leading American producers' in-tention to increase their selling

Bethlehem Steel Corporation, one of the largest domestic manufacturers, amounted today that it will raise prices on Feb-ruary 1 by am average of 5.5 per cent for most rolled steel

Shawcross

attack on

By Malcolm Brown

bribes vote

in the fight against bribery and corruption. He also pointed the finger at powerful, but as yet unnamed individuals in France.

Germany and Belgium for com-bining to try and wreck the work of his international com-mission on corruption.

The commission was set up by the ICC two years ago to make recommendations on how inter-national business could fight

hational business could fight bribery. At a meeting in Paris on November 29, the council of the ICC adopted a much watered-down version of the Shawcross proposals—in the form of guidelines—but remitted to a special committee the question of a panel to oversee and police the corruption code.

Angrily repudiating the ICC during a speech in London yesterday, Lord Shawcross said:

There are times to take a stand, I feel bound to say that this emasculated animal, with

its tongue cut out and its teeth

extracted, is not likely to make a major impact. Pusillanimity

a major impact. Pusillanimity in these marters is like cowardice in the face of the enemy. If the individual firms which constitute the ICC were to conduct their own business in this diffeory and fumbring way, they would hardly avoid bank-ruptcy."

Officials of the ICC in Paris, told of Lord Shawcross's strictures, declined to comment

From the start the French

participated in the commission's

work only under protest, and made no secret of the fact that they thought the whole ap-

they thought the whole approach was hypocritical and ill-

While details of the final

vote at the ICC council meeting

which adopted the watered-down code are not known. It is believed that several West European countries chose to

abstain. This would greatly undermine the force of the ICC code in those countries.

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products. Increases in the region of 7 per cant have also been announced for January 1 the Wheeling-Pittsburgh by the Wheeli Sreal Corporation,

for much tougher protection from foreign competition.

into the Vienna headquarters of

the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) and kidnapped the assembled minis-

Memories of the raid and the

flight to freedom in Algiers are

still fresh in the minds of many of the hostages, who now de-mand and receive total security

when they mest.
Shalkh Abmed Zaki Yamani,
Saudi Arabia's oil minister and

the prime target for murder by

Carlos had anything sone wrong during the kidnap negotiations, still refuses to visit the scene

A: Not at all. The surplus in the market is caused by the willingness of Saudi Arabia to produce more than its financial needs. And since we leave the minimum level of production flexible, subject to the market forces to determine there will

forces to determine, there will

Q: All forecasts which can be taken seriously are of the

opinion that the energy require-ments of the world will be tripled by the year 2000, in spite of all economy measures.

Don't you think that this will result in a wasteful exploitation

of oil reserves, as there won't be sufficient coal and nuclear

energy supplies to cover the ex-

A: The world economy will definitely adjust itself to the available energy supplies and

might suffer a great deal when we face a severe shortage. And in order to avoid economic re-

cession and dépression we have to avoid all kinds of wasteful

use of energy and work hard to utilize all other sources of

Q: If the Opec countries are not prepared to cover all demands.

be no danger facing Opec.

Continued from page 1

From Roger Vielvoye

estic producers may also be announced soon. These will almost certainly ensure that the Government's new programme to reduce steel imports will at best have only a modest effect. Steel manufacturers here, along with the trade unions, will meanwhile continue their fight

American Government must be fairly close to the sales prices of domestic steel manufacturers, The "reference price" is

being determined on the basis, of what level the most efficient foreign manufacturers can pro-fitably sell steel for in the country given the efficiency of Japanese producers and the prospect of higher American producer prices.

"reference price" will be set produce at a level that is still substan- greedy.

Tension in Caracas as ministers

recall 1975 kidnap by terrorists

tially below the levels the American producers intend to establish early in the new year

Should the "reference price" system fail to reduce imports substantially—which now looks greater protectionism will con-Congress have given their sup-port to the steel industry's de-mands for more protection, although the latest price inroducer prices. creases may convince some of The prospect now is that the these Congressmen that the steel

Suddenly from out of the

môlée on the aircraft stairs appeared two men and a boy

gers inadvertently punched in the security cordon.

A: Because we want to have

that the international oil com-

A.: International oil companies

made a huge profit in 1973 and 1974 due to the sharp increases

in oil prices and the producing governments acorrected the

situation with their action to increase the rate of taxes and

he level of royalty, and it is fair to say that the oil com-

panies have nothing to do with

the decision to increase the oil

O: Motorists in Europe have

already forgotten the shortage of petrol and the driving ban on

or petrol and the criving ban on Sundays and are steeping on the accelerator gain. But you once justified the price policy of Opec, the principle that it would

have a restrictive effect on oil consumption. Is this philosophy

A: Yes, but it seems that the

level of the present price is not high enough to restrain the ex-

Q: During the North-South dia-

logue some raw material pro-

ducers discussed forming an association like Opec which

would allow them to control

output and to increase prices

as a cartel. Don't you think that

cessive use of gasoline.

looking like tourists.

capital, Opec seems destined to

wander the world in search of secure venues for its meetings.

After testing the security services of Switzerland, Indonesia, Qatar and Sweden, the Opecentourage has now reached Venezuela, one of the founding countries of the organization

and security measures here are

tighter than any these much-

protected ministers have seen.
Rumours persist that Carlos

with each report the pres-sure has mounted on the hun-dreds of army units, helicopters

and fast patrol boats that sur-

tity controls, as the interests of the individual member-states,

what will be the policy of the various oil producers in their

ways to meet the consumers demands. However, the political

factors will definitely be im-

0: Europe has unutilized re-finery capacity of about 250 mil-

lion tons. Is it therefore con-venient for the Opec countries

to begin to set up export refu-eries in their own countries?

A: Most of the European refin-

eries' capacity needs upgrading, in order to have a better yield and flexibility to accept heavy crudes, and therefore the export

tefineries in the producing countries will have a better

competitive position and will replace some of those refineries in Europe which will be

Q: Why do the Open countries hesitate on participating in joint ventures, for example in refineries in Europe, to run

perhaps of Saudi Arabia or for the reasons exp.

Iran, differ from one another? the previous answer.

A: It is difficult now to predict O: It has often been reported

Opec 'unlikely to use oil weapon again'

By Bryan Appleyard

Swedish Match is to remin a 3.9 per cent stake and it will keep one of its two directors

Mr Christopher Lewinton, Wilkinson's managing director, said the Americans had approached Swedish Match and

security services can go astray. Sepor Valentin Hernandez, Venezuelan oil minister, and dignitaries were greating the

# when BM bought Wilkinson Sword with shares, Swedish

By Michael Prest

They strolled through the ourward looking security screen. From behind loading plers six soldiers appeared to block the hole that the stranger of the stranger The mysterious bidder for Spink & Son, the coin and fine art dealers, has at last been identified as Andrew Weir & Co,

Weir's offer of £5m in cash for Spink was accepted yester-day. The terms are 400p for will Opec then have to develop beside the trude oil and produc-a quora-cartel with severe quantion operations? refineries in our countries and for the reasons explained in

rector for the explosion of oil prices during the winter of 1973-74. Is there any proof to refute this rumour definitively and to strengthen the independent policy of Opec?

Mr Andrew Fawcett, Weir's finance director, says that buy-ing Spink will raise the group's average return on capital employed of about 9.5

But Weir has no intention of becoming a conglomerate.
"We are using only a small part of our available funds".
Mr Fawcest said. Weir owns 44 ships and has another nine on order at a cost of £73m.
No change of direction at Spink is envisaged. One or two non-executive directors appointed by Weir will join the board.

ted by Weir will join the board.
Mr G. M. Magan from Morgan
Grenfell, who advised Weir,
points out that Spink was undercapitalized and conservatively
valued. If stocks and property
were included at a more recent
valuation and deferred tax of
£1-2m is taken into account, the apparent premium over assets does not look so high.

### How the markets moved

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Gitt-edged securities rose again.
Doilar premium 91.5 per cent
(effective rate 37.73 per cent). SDR-5 was 1.20451 on Monwhile SDR-E was 0.645919. Commodities: Renter's index Sterling gained 185 pts to \$1.8735.
The effective exchange rate index at 1417.0 (previous 1421.4). The effective exchange rate index was at 64.1. Reports, pages 16 and 17 and other foreign currency business

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this would mean the end of free international trade? A: To start with, not every producer of raw materials can form a cartel to control prices. Oped is a unique case and we do not forget that Opec was formed in 1960 and was not able to decide on prices until 1973, when sup-olies became much less compared with demand and were mostly controlled by member countries. Anyway, the concept of freedom of international trade should not be discussed within the framework of raw

> O: Can you imagine that Once would once more use its oil as a political reapon? A: All the present indications lead me to say: "No."

to trade and linance.

materials. This concept is ig-nored by most industrialized countries which does great harm

# Tussaud's valued at £11.6m as ATV joins takeover battle

Lord Grade's Associated Television Corporation last night launched a surprise counterbid for control of Madame Tussaud's, owner of the London waxworks museum.

in each values Tussaud's ar soon after the first offer was the cash offer made for the cash offer made. the cash offer made for the group last month by S. Pear-son & Son which has been rejected by Tussaud's board. A spokesman for Tussaud's said last night: "At the moment we have no comment to make. We have not had the

formal document.". A statement issued by the company's advisers, Brown Shipley & Co, warned shore-holders to take no action until the board had met. S. Pearson was also not prepared to com-ment on the new development. Lord Grade's waxwork effigy

is on show at Tussaud's. Last night be foked: "That is why I want to buy the company, I want to change the figure." In September be announced In September he announced that his group was on the lookout for takeover opportunities with a view to building an entertainments group which was a "solid rock".

Subsequently the group which has just announced interim pre-

### Wilkinson Match stake sold at £17m

An American company has bought almost one third of Wilkinson Match, the British matches-to-razor blades group,

The 6.5 million shares, representing 29 per cent of the com-pany, were sold by Swedish March to Allegheny Lucium Industries of Pittsburgh at 260p per share, compared with last night's closing price of 205p,

Mr Lewinton said he wel-

company and his company would be looking at ways to strengthen existing trading links. There would be no change

# Mr Christopher Lewinton : aim

in the trading relationship with Swedish Match.
Allegheny Ludlum was said to have no intention of making a full offer for Wilkinson and the fact that its stake is under 30 per cent means that the Takeover Panel rules do not re-

quire it to do so.

The American company is mainly involved in the manufacture of special steels and alloys, as well as garden tools and sporting goods. It recently acquired Chemetron Corporation which is in areas related to Swedish Match first acquired

comed this new involvement its 32 per cent stake in British with a high quality American March in the 1930s. In 1973, company and his company when BM bought Wilkinson

### Spink goes for £5m cash to shipping insurance group

the private shipping insurance and investment group.

each ordinary share, suspended last week at 285p, and 40p for each non-cumulative preference sbare. . Spink is valued by the offer

at approximately double its last capitalization or about 10 times. the forecast carnings per share. Spink directors are predicting profits of £1m for the year about to end, compared with £605,000 last year.

Weir had over £6m in cash in the last accounts. In Septem-ber It paid £1.4m for 7.94 per cent of the equity in Wilmor Breeden, the motor component manufacturers.

per cent by increasing pre-tax profits by almost 20 per cent. Weir's profit last year was £11m. Turnover was £70.8m. But Weir has no intention of

### Institute of Chartered Secretaries & Administrators

At the Annual General Meeting of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, held yesterday at : 20 Aldermanbury - London EU2. the President, Mr. John sovernment's program seen matched by the knife wise on which we have halanced in economic aftairs Reduction of

the rate of indution mprovement of our balance of payments position, and the introped strength of the ound, have nevertheless been experienced side by side with the deep and intractable problem of uncomply, ment, of

stagnation in our growth rate, and with hale hope of organised control of prices and incomes In this situation the Institute . is, of course, concerned very much with the position of the prote-sional man and woman who have fured very badly in the erosion of their standards of life. Accordingly it was entirely appropriate that the Institute should have made detailed and vigorou

envernment on the taxation position of the professional classos. Prospects for the professional in administration are little better than they were Even more important is that we should recover and secure

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# British Shipbuilders face claim to match 66pc by engineering unions

By Danald MacLityre

Negotiations on a claim for a new national agreement which would increase the engineering

The confederation argues that

the present phase of pay policy complicated by the fact man a number of yards within British Mr. Anthony Frodsham, the Shipbuilders have already settled for 10 per cent

The confederation argues that industry's minimum pay rates by about 66' per cent will begin on January 19.

The confederation argues that the deal would not necessarily breach government guidelines,

Preliminary discussions on of Shipbuilding and Engineerance, lasted little more than an hour yesterday.

The Engineering Employers Federation are to cost the claim which besieds the increase in nay minimum, also seeks a 35-hour, week and a fifth week's

18pc fall in

Deliveries of audio systems by British Radio Equipment Manu-

facturers' Association members

in the ten months to the end of October declined from 554,000 to 455,000, a drop of nearly 18 per cent.

No statistics are so far

available for foreign imports of such systems but it has been feared in the trade that imports

from Japan alone will probably have doubled this year to a total of ground 500,000 units,

An understanding was reached at talks in Tokyo alst

routh between representatives

of the British and Japanese

industries that exports of music reutres and similar audio systems would be held at would this year's level. BREMA members are also cloomy about deliveries of pronochrome and colour tele-

£290m cracking plant

Texaco and Gulf announced last night that they would go shead with construction of a

£290m caralytic cracking plans

close to their two existing re-fineries at Milford Haven. Main

contract for the development

company, Snamprogetti. Con-struction will-take about three

David Sassoon denial

David Sassoon & Co, the

London bank, has asked us to coint out that it has nothing to

do with Sesson Bahamas, referred to in the Pay Report on the Crown Agents as having

incurred losses for the agents of £8.6m. David Sassoon has at

vision sets.

**UK** audio

deliveries

In brief

to which the employers say they the claim by the Confederation are commutted, since only a small minority of workers are ing Unions, to which the em-really on minimum rates, ployers are offering stiff resist. The confederation will submit

a closely parallel claim to British Shipbuilders management today on behalf of the nationalized corporation's 85,000 manual workers, wants the minimum rates in both industries lifted from £42 annual boliday.

But the unions' aim that all and from £33.6? to £55 for unthe first necessary as a week to £70 for craftsmen the first necessary as a week to £55 for unthe first necessary.

Skilled workers.

company.

the 1.2 million workers in the general engineering industry, deals with notional rates it will not directly affect the trouble some question of differentials berween boilermakers' union

But that problem, which resulted in Swan Hunter's losing the chance to build at least. three of the ships which British Shipbuilders is providing for Poland, is bound to hang over negotiations for what will be the first national pay agreement entered into by the state-owned

# Acas for Triumph talks as strike continues

British Leyland management and union officials will today begin meetings with represen-tatives of the Advisory, Con-ciliation and Arbitration Service in an effort to resolve the seven-week strike by 2,000 workers at the Triumph plant on Merseyside.

The unofficial stoppage over new manning and productivity arrangements has halted all production of TR7 cars at the Speke, Liverpool factory, and of the Dolomite car range at

Coventry.

In addition to the 2,000 men
on strike, another 1,500 are
laid off from the Merseyside plant and a further 2,000 from the assembly line in Coventry, which depend on supplies of car bodies produced at Liver-

The strike moved into its seventh week yesterday with Leyland's production losses on the two car ranges running at more than £40m.

The dispute centres on a riam by shopfloor leaders at the Liverpool plant, that the company broke local agree-

Venezuelan interest in a joint

renture with British Petroleum

to produce protein for animal

feedstuffs from oil could be

revived if the company's first

commercial scale plant in Sar-

dinia overcomes Italian Govern-

ment objections and goes into

However, the company main-tains that it did discuss the new arrangements through

Men directly involved in the Men directly involved in the strike, and those who have been laid off because of it, have arready suffered considerable loss of wages, and with little prospect of a return to work before the holiday shutdown at the end of this week there are growing signs of shopfloor

One indication of this came vesterday when Leyland received an anonymous letter—simply signed Fromm 100 bitter men "—claiming to represent many of the workers who have been called out on strike.

The letter alleges that the two unions concerned—the Amalgameted Union of Enginoering Workers and the Transport and Workers Union-have failed to make clear to the strikers the details of settlement terms pro-posed by the company. It also arleges that calls for a mass meeting of the strikers had been ignored by shop stewards

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plans for a commercial scale joint venture were "in the

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Sardinian project were solved. For nearly three years BP has

been negotiating to set up a 100,000 tons a year protein from

oil plant at a cost of \$120m (£66.5m) in partnership with the government and local

the government and local animal feed makers. In August

it was announced that the pro-fect had been deferred at the

Venezuela revives in terest in BP protein plant link

**Survey reveals 67** out of 236 companies operating at a loss

healthy", according to the authors of a financial survey of the industry, published by Jordan Dataquest, London. Of the 236 companies whose performance is reviewed, 67 were lossmaking.

Seventy-eight of the companies were generating (on the basis of 1976 figures) turnovers less than £500,000. The Britishowned International Computers came second to IBM in volume of business; and indeed ICL was the only British-owned

company to appear in the 20

Ninety-nine of the 236 companies were foreign-owned, and 64 were private companies. An exception to the "far from healthy" description is Systime, the Leeds systems house in which the National Enterprise Board recently invested. This company's sales rose from £1.2m in 1975 to £2.8m in 1976, with healthy profit margins.

profit margins. Among the largest unquoted companies in the survey are CMG (Computer Management Group) with a turnover of £5.4m; Computer Technology Ltd with £3.7m; Computer World Trade with £3.1m; and

Systime.
Redifon Computers showed turnover of £11m. Among the service companies, the largest included Dataskil, £8.2m; Baric fictioned Dataskii, 20.2m; Barle 27.2m; CMG; Centre-File, 54.95m; UCC, £4.7m; Hoskyns. £4.15m; Scicon, £3.9m; Logica, £3.85m; SPL, £3.3m; and Leasco, £3.2m.

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In a separate survey of the world minicomputer market, Wall Street brokers Martin B. C. Simpson & Co forecast that the world sales of minicomputers will grow from \$3,300m in 1977 to \$5,500m in 1980, despite a continuing reduction in hardware costs.

priority to more essential projects.

At the same time, BP, in partnership with ANIC, part of ENI, the Italian state energy corporation, was fighting a protracted battle with the Italian authorities for permission to begin commercial production fro mthe 100,000 tons a year protein-from-oil plant it had completed in Serdinia.

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The expected drop in processor prices is put at 20 per cent annually, at least until 1980. The

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Price of product liability protection?

Sir, Mr Fatharly (December 6) has rightly drawn attention to potential changes in the law relating to product liability in this country. The Strasbourg convention, the EEG draft directive and the Law Commis-

sion report all thrust inexorably towards the greater protection of the consumer, and it is quite possible that the recommendations of the Pearson commission will propel us further along the same route. .

This may be admirable enough, but it should clearly be recognized that there will be two significant consequences if thinking of this kind prevails. First, the law of tort as we

know it—and which has in general served the citizens of this country well for many years—will cease to provide the principal many to cipal means of recourse in pro-duct liability claims. In its place there will be automatic compensation if an injury is product-related; and it is pro-

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From Mr David Marks

Sir, On December 13 you repor-ted in your Business Diary that a Mr John Wilhelmy decided

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tion on motorways, A and B class roads, congestion points, one-way streets, narrow bridges and other road obstacles. Thus the time likely to be taken for each section of the Journey can

the project. Mr Phelps said that if the

least 30 per cent or more. Dr Luis Alverez Domingues

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at which it was put into circulation would permit will not be available to producers. Second, liability insurance by

the producer appears to be the recommended method of financing what is in effect an extension of the State social security system. In a free economy the resultant enhanced unit cost of every product could be met either from existing profit margins or be transferred to the censumer by price increase. Profit margins may not be adequate to meet such further calls on them, and if price increases are permitted the con-

sumer will pay a hidden charge for his additional protection. Insurers will presumably hope make an underwriting, as well as an investment, profit on the premiums paid for cover, and brokers will no doubt expect to earn substantial com-missions for placing the busi-ness. Profits plus administrative

product was as safe as the state of knowledge at the time Mr Fatharly's suggestion that a state fund be the source

of claims payment therefore demands serious consideration. Few of us would welcome additional bureaucracy for its own sake, but a fund financed by an adjustable per capita charge would have the great being directly conscious of the cost to him of the protection which zealous interests are so ardently advocating on his hebalf. Quite apart from its relevance to this specific issue there might well be long-term advantage to be gained demonstrating openly that the consumer must always ultimately pay for what he gets. Yours faithfully.

A. P. BENSON, " Jennets", 28 Longdene Road, Haslemere,

### Consumers and prices recognition of continuing infla-tion has had on spending deci-

and J. S. McDennell Sir, We read with interest the article of November 11 by Frank Vogl regarding consumer sur-veys and the confusion he has in interpreting apparently con-flicting results.

In Australia we at the Insti-tute of Applied Economic and Social Research in Melbourne have conducted such surveys since early 19/3 and have observed similar patterns of results to those reported in the surveys of Chicago consumers.

a Mr John Wilhelmy decided m give away his business because he was tired of the intolerable burden of paper-work caused by legislation. On learning that he would have to pay gift tax of £30,000 (which he didn't have) he made up his mind to continue trading.

No doubt his 12 employees are thankful that he didn't simply close the business down and put them all on the dole. Many other small businessmen have had to do just this on the death of the previous owner, because there wouldn't otherwise be enough money available to pay the tax involved.

Capiral transfer tax, whether on life-time gifts or at death, has reduced investment and increased unemployment. It car-However we do not see that there need be any confusion in understanding the results. The situation which confused Mr Yogi was that of rising intentions to ony appliances or to spend money generally at a time when they had suffered a creased unemployment. It car-tainly has a lot to enswer for I Yours faithfully, fall in confidence in the future as reflected in a fall in an index of consumer sentiment.

There are two factors which effect this situation. First, and Member, The Association of Independent Businesses, 77 Grays Inn Road, London WC1X 8TP.

perhaps more importantly in current economic circumstances, is the profound effect which the

From Mr J. G. Hall sight it was a bad decision to

government became interested in the project again it would want to take less financial responsibility, implying that BP would have to increase its proposed 20 per cent stake to af lesser 30 per cent or more Some of us involved saw it differently. The evidence given to the public inquiry on the pro-posal in 1974 and the reporter's development, confirmed that a greater shareholding by BP might reawaken Venezuela's interest in the plant.

sions. Consumers increasingly recognize that if a purchase is postponed now it will only cost more to buy at some later date. We have found in Australia that

the higher the actual rate of in-flation then the greater the pro-portion of people who say that now is a good time to buy cars. appliances and even dwellings. The philosophy is a definite if you need it, buy it now before the price goes higher". Secondly, spending results from a commination of the ability to buy and the willingness to buy. While the surveys measure the latter influence, it

may well be the strength of consumers' ability to buy which has kept intentions to spend at a high level. D. S. IRONMONGER, J. S. McDONNELL,

Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research. University of Melbourne, Parkville, Victoria Australia, 3052

### 'Nonsensical' structure at Portavadie

Sir, Ronald Faux writes (December 1) that with hindbuild a concrete platform con-struction yard for North Sec.

DAVID MARKS.

recommendations would have made any sensible person act cautiously. The Government

thought it knew better and financed it on spec.

Mr Faux points to the next step; that people think this useless yard could be converted to extract a large fee-paying fleet of pleasure craft I am sure it could if money poured

But up to now holiday saliors have preferred the fishing port of Tarbert, the village of Kames and the saling centre of Tighnabrusich all within five Dergbrusich, Portavadie, miles of Portavadie. If there is Tighnabrusich, Argyll.

money about why not put it The authorities would be wise

to get rid of the whole non-sensical structure at Porta-vadie as they promised, instead of preserving this monument to a bad decision in a conserva-J. G. HALL,

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# Interest rates and banking competition

There were at best conflicting signs in vesterday's economic news about the outlook for interest rates. On the one hand response to the West German measures last week to restrain the inflow of speculative money which suggests that the dollar's weakness will find its outlet more and more in fewer and fewer safe currencies like the yen, Swiss franc and increasingly sterling. If the authorities are to adhere to the monetary targets the lid will need to be kept on interest rates.

On the other hand, however, the earnings figures were rather worse than expected indicating slippage in the Government's pay guidelines even before this winter's bargain-ing round with the big unions so the prospect here is for higher rates, especially

With the money markets a week ago pointing to a fall in minimum lending rate intil the Bank of England stepped in to say it saw no reason for any-change in interest rates before the end of the year, it is



Lord Armstrong of Sanderstead, chairman of Midland Bank; asserting the need for competition.

perhaps little wonder that the clearing banks are finding it hard to decide which of them got it right when they went their separate ways on base rates at the beginning of this month.

There still seems little pressure from the market place either to pull the clearers into line. Early returns from branches point to minimal switching of accounts by large companies, chiefly due to the fact that most of these customers are already borrowing at money market related rather than base rates. While the clearers' view that loyalty rather than small differentials in lending rates counts for more in smaller companies also seems to be being vindicated.

On the deposits side, too, there has been little movement of funds to take advantage of rate differential, again not surprisingly when even a mildly adventurous depositer would have switched to a building society

To judge by the latest banking figures, Midland's aggressive marketing stand to increase base rate to only 62 per cent is justified by its high proportion of market-related industrial lending while its chairman Lord Armstrong's anti-nationalization But in the medium term unless one clearer a making a significant inroad into another's rusiness it makes no sense to cut off your ose to spite your face. With little sign of any shift in business case it can only be a matter of time before base rates move back into line.

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### The auction gets under way

Madame Tussaud's must be regretting the day it ever opened talks with S. Pearson about the possibility of buying Pearson's Chessington Zoo business. For that prompted Pearson's counter of a full-scale bid for Tussaud's and in turn probably ensured that Tussaud's would lose its independence. ATV is the latest candidate with a 55p a share offer (against Pearson's 45p) that in terms of logic looks much more sensible than Pearson's idea of putting Chessington into Tussaud's to create a new leisure division.

ATV, with its substantial film-making television and promotional interests, has wide experience in leisure, but it is unlikely that this offer will be the end of the story. Pearson certainly has the capacity to come back with higher terms if it wants to and other bidders may well come into the open now. But Tussaud's now has permission to raise its dividend to 3.71p a share for 1977 where the yield on ATV's offer is 61 per cent, and it still has a 1978 forecast up its sleeve. As I have said before this is a business which will almost certainly demand a premium price at the end of the day.

Auditing

### ·Midland

arguments

A submission on audit reports to the accountancy profession's Auditing Practices Committee from the Midlands Industry Group of Finance Group, deserves carefu consideration. The group is concerned that the impact of qualified audit reports is dulled by over frequent use when only technical breaches of accounting standards have occurred. This problem has been con-sidered by APC in its attempts to bring out standards which will be generally accepted both within profession and industry. The profession's solution was to standardize the wording of auditors' reports so that it would be clear whether the qualification were over a technical matter or an uncertainty (such as a difference of opinion over a property valua).

The Midlands group suggests that technical breaches of accounting standards where the auditors themselves may feel that departure from accounting standards is applicable in the circumstances should be dealt with in a note on companies' accounting policies. There would then be no need for any qualification.

This would increase the discretionary power of the auditor, but it would prevent qualifications appearing when it was neither the company nor the accounts which were at fault, but inadequate drafting of a stan-dard. The problem is that such a move could reduce the weight of accounting standards generally. A standard may have faults but silly qualifications at least have the merit of quickly drawing attention to the fact. .

Still the Midlands group's idea is a devel-pment of an International Accounting Standard. Its merit is simplicity. The best people to comment on its usefulness would be users of accounts. After all, audit reports are essential reading. Statements of accounting policies come lower in the range of

• A good deal of speculative froth has been whipped up around H. & R. Johnson-Richards Tiles recently. In May London Brick set the ball rolling when it disclosed a near 10 per cent stake while the sudden death of Mr Derek Johnson, the charman, in September added to the uncertainty since the last accounts showed him holding 8 cent of the equity.

However, yesterday's interim figures suggest that any would-be suitor may have left it too late. Profits rose by 41 per cent to £2.5m on sales up by 19 per cent. Almost all of this improvement came from the United Kingdom in spite of static volume. The overseas total contribution was stagnant reflecting continued problems in Canada, the United States, Australia and South Africa.

With far reaching changes being made in the company structure aimed at tightening financial controls of the overseas sub-sidiaries and the reasonable prospect of a pick-up in British building activity next year, the immediate future looks bright. So now seems the right time to regard the

so now seems the right time to regard the company as a trading investment rather than a speculative share. Profits of £5.5m this year—which seem possible—indicate a fully-taxed p/e ratio of 7 at 336p. The prospective yield is only 3.2 per cent, but the dividend will be covered almost seventimes; relaxation of restraint would allow a return to the company's preferred cover of three times implying a yield of 7.1 per cent. That alone would provide a reasonable prop for the shares.

For a United Kingdom visitor to the Irish Republic one of the most striking things about economic and political debate economic and pointest details is the preoccupation with jobs and the business of job creation. Whereas in Britain the latter is seen as a pulliative which can do little to influence the overell level of unemployment, in the Irish Republic it is at the centre of policy-making.
However, despite the concern
about persistency high unemployment there is optimism
about the country's economic
prospects. This is hardly sur-

prising, given the present im-pressive growth performance. The rate of economic growth this year is confidently expected to be the highest in the EEC at an estimated 5, or even 6, per cent. This is double the average EEC rate for 1977 and com-pares with virtually no growth

The crucial question for Irish policy-makers is how to keep up this rapid expansion and in particular how to use it to provide jobs for the fast growing labour force, while at the same time bringing standards of liv-ing into line with those in the rest of the western industrial ized world.

Estimates of the republic's Estimates of the republic's jobless range from the official figure of about 110,000 (less than 10 per cent of the labour force) to as high as 160,000 (14-15 per cent). One fault of the official figures is that they do not include unemployed school leavers, whose numbers are generally believed to have reached serious proportions.

There are probably also many There are probably also many more by married women who do not 1980s. The register for work, but would come into the labour market if is sin the jobs were available.

One reason for the central importance of job creation is the still wind folk memory of mass emigration as the only alternative to memployed poverty. One of the greatest achievements in recent years achievements in recent years has been the turnround from net emigration of about half a million in the two decades to 1970 to net immigration of about 12,000 a year from 1970 to 1976.

This has added to Irish selfrespect, but also to the pocen-tial unemployment problem. Indeed, one reason for the change is that worldwide recession has cur back on oversess employment possibilities. In the last year there appears

to have been a return to some slight net emigration, although it is too soon to be sure of its

There is a degree of optimism in the Republic of Ireland about the solution of the country's economic problems. Caroline Atkinson reports

# The Irish-hard at work creating jobs



head of the new Ministry for Economic Planning and Develent : a strategy for growth.

The election campaign of the six-month-old Fianna Fail government concentrated on the need for massive job creation ment (defined as about 4 per cent jobless) was a legitimate and practical goal for the republic, albeit one that could not be achieved until the mid-

The new government recipe is similar in a cruckel respect to that of the apposition coalthe private sector to invest, to industrialize the economy and to look in particular to overseas firms to provide half the new job requirements.

In contrast to the opposition coalition, Figure 1831 also plans to boost public borrowing through tax cuts and direct job The Republic of Ireland is

still in many respects, a de-veloping country but it is try-ing hard to survive in one of the most advanced industrial-ized markets in the world—the ined markets in the world—the EEC. It has only a small industrialized sector, at present employing less than a third of the workforce.

Nearly one in four Irish workers is still on the land. There is room for home productivity improvements in the

agricultural socret which consists in the main of small-holdings, using old-fashioned methods and with very low

As these gains are realized, the pool of surplus lebour looking for industrial employment will be swelled markedly by those fearing the land. The

However, the Irish have been exeremely successful in the business of attracting foreign investors. The recent decision of a Dutch firm Perenka to pull out of its Limerick factory after prolonged industrial disputes and a poor trading performance has only slightly shaken the confidence of the Industrial Development Agency (IDA) in its welopment Agency (IDA) in its

Despite the recession factor ies providing abour 100,000 jobs have been set up in the past five years. The target of 23,000 new jobs this year will be comfortably exceeded.

This success can be stri-buted to the powerful funancial incentives to set up operations in the republic, an adequate supply of labour (often un-unionized) and the highly effi-cient and flexible operation of

Its example, however, is now being followed by other regional development boards (for ex-ample in Wates and Northern England as the competition for job-providing investment warms up). There is also some concern that the pulling power of the main Irish incentive—a remission of tax on export profits until 1990—will wear off as the date epproaches (assuming that the EEC will allow the incen-

tive to continue).

The original retionale for relying on foreign capital to provide so many of the new jobs needed was that there was shortage of capital at home one argument most commonly put forward new is that indi-genous Irish industry, which was geared to a heavily pro-tected and tiny home market until well into the 1950s, is short of the autrepresented and The argument most common short of the entrepreneurial and technical skills needed to in-dustrialize in a burry.

There has been an enormous shake-out in recent years, with the cold wind of competition bankruping many Irish industries. The IDA now hopes that this is over.

As a very open economy, with more then half of output exported, the Irish Republic is dependent for its growth on the bealth of the rest of the world and on its ability to sell abroad.

The balance of payments is not a constraint at present, as reserves are comfortably high. However, it is the long-term constraint on development.

Optimists say that sluggish world growth need not inibit

Irish expansion. It is such a small country that its exports can rise rapidly without arousing the ire of foreign producers. To do so, however, the country's goods must preserve a competitive edge. This has been helped by the

1976 devaluation of sterling—to which the Irish pound is pegged which the Irish pound is pegged—and by a notable improvement in inflation, which took off in the Irish Republic in much the same way as in Britain, with 30 per cent earnings increases in the 1973-74 wage agreements.

Two years of very moderate wage settlements have brought the rate of inflation down to about 14 per cent year on year. Negotiations on the next wage round have just got under way.

The government is insisting that the tax reliefs promised in the election are conditional on a 5 per cent average settlement agreed between employers and unions. Few believe that the outcome will be much less than 7 or 8 per cent and some companies believe it will be 10 to

12 per cent. The unions are determined to hold out for a generous settle-ment as their members real incomes have risen little since, 1975, while farmers' incomes have leapt by a third this year and industrial profits have

recovered.

The success of the present government's strategy will, depend to a large extent on the outcome of the wage round. It, will also depend on the willingness of the Irish workforce to accept lower standards of living than its overseas counterparts

One of the suggestions ford solving the unemployment problem which Professor Martin O'Donoghus, head of the new ministry for economic planning. and development, intends to make is that some of the availsble rise in real wages should be devoted to job creation. The problem with simultaneously expanding employment and modernizing an economy is that new investment tends to save

For this reason the Industrial Development Agency has switched some of its resources into expanding the more labour intensive services sector and has long had a policy of encouraging more labour-inten-sive industry.

### Arthur Reed

# Will Britain's plane makers turn to America?

whether no proceed with such a project—such a decision has already been taken in principle —but who our partners ought to be.

should Britain continue her collaboration with Europe, or should she sign up with the aerospince findustry of the United Stares? It is a jigsaw punale of immense difficulty, but the pieces are now graduelly shilling into place.

elly sulfing into place.

The prize is a glistering one.

Over the next 10 years or so
the airlines of the world will
be seeking a replacement for
their aging fleets of airliners
such as Tridents, Boeing 72/s,
and 707s. They will be in the
market for 3,000 such
machines, each to carry up to
130 pessengers and to have
truet engines and low operating costs.

The need presents Britain

with a magnificent opportunity to recoter civil six craft production with a large-scale and profitable product, a situation which was last enjoyed in the

British Aerospace is preparing to cake a decision early in the new year which will have an enormous impact on the health of this country's aircraft industry for a decade absent it is a man as a whole Vision at the development of a new jet engines cost about the development of a new jet engines cost about the development of a new jet engines cost about the development of a new jet engines cost about the development of a new jet engines cost about the development of a new jet engines cost about the development of a new jet engines cost about the development of a new jet engines cost about the development of a new jet engines cost always been that if they become always been that if they become close to the X-11 for sales combout the development of a new jet engines of the big new jet engines of the pent in the beard of the big new jet engines of the big new jet engin finished product.

This is where the dilemma
for the British occurs. In
Burope they have long-tand-

Europe they have long-trand-ing partners, notably the French, with whom they have collaborated since 1962 when the Concorde deal was signed. It has been a spiky relation-ship which has produced, at wast cost, a technical master-piece, but a financial disaster. The Concorde experience is tempered, however, by the experience of British Aerospace, or rather the Hawker Siddeley

Aviation constituent part of it, in making the wings for the A300 European airbus. Hawker A300 European airbus. Hawker Siddeley entered this project in a straight-forward commercial way after the British Government had pulled out, got on well with the French and the West Germans, who are the main partners, and is now about to reap the benefits as sales of the 300-seater airbus take off.

Looking West, British Aerospace is having what might be called an uneasy courtship with the 'American industry, 'a big.

where about two thirds of the market for the new jet transport lies. American airlines will buy a product which has a large portion of their own aircraft industry in it, but the sales record of the European industry indicates that they will not be so expense over 3 not be so sanguine over a "Euro-product".

At present British Aerospace favours going into business with Europe, which means with the French, the Germans and the Dutch. At Weybridge it is well advanced with outline design and, as is well known, has agreed to shelve its X-11 design in favour of the French A200 design, so long as Britain has overall leadership of the project and a sizable piece of the design, manufacture, final assembly and flight test.

The X-11 was to have been far cheaper to develop than the A200 because it leant heavily on the work down for the existing BAC 1-11 airliner, while the A200 is a new design. But British Aerospace then discovered that if its project was to be apread around the European industry, with expensive learning curves to be mastered in foreign factories. At present British Aerospace

sive learning curves to be mas-tered in foreign factories, the ost advantage disappeared.

A further reason for being

version of the Boeing 737 air-liner fuselage should be bought ready-made for the A200. It is a proposition which has brought a highly unfavourable reaction from the French

not entirely on nationalistic grounds. They point out that buying such a large component from America at once defeats a main aim of a European pro-ject, which is to provide work for the largely empty shops of the civil aerospace industry in British Aerospace counters by

pointing out that sales in the important United States market would have a better chance if the European aircraft had a sig-nificant American content. But the argument does not appear to impress the French at pre-British Aerospace has also

been talking to McDonnell Douglas, which has put up for serious discussion—although not yet as a formal proposal—a whole nackage of serospace collaborative work, which on the face of it looks highly attractive

for Britain.

It wants British Aerospace and the Germans to come in with it on a 160 to 180-seater advance technology medium

hould rotate between the three parmers. British. Aerospace design work, so laying the boggy of British aircraft makers be-

coming "tin benders".

In the ATMR package as further proposals to market globally the HS146, the 70-seater Hawker Siddeley design which is on the shelf at present, and to do advanced development studies on a second generation supersonic airliner for 1995, with 273 seats, environ-tally acceptable engines, and economics acceptable to the air-The French, with whom Mc-

Donneli Douglas had an unhappy experience in trying to mount a joint airliner project based on the Dassault Mercure, are not included as main partners, but could come in at a

later stage.
It is obvious that if British Aerospace should decide to throw in its lot with the Americans it will alieuste the French for decades to come. But would it not be better to risk this, if partnership with the Americans meant buoyant sales and a reasonable return on the money of the British taxpayer who now underwrites the British aircraft industry? . . . . .

# Business Diary: Pearl and CDFC • El Gordo

The revelation of the full extent of the Crown Agents' lasses and of the unaccount-ability of senior officers there is being followed by the more open government of at least one other lesser known financial animal, Commonwealth Pevelopment Finance Company Dennis Pearl, CDFC manag-

ing director, agreed to be interviewed by Eusiness Diary's Ross Davies yesterday, his first interview with a national newspaper since taking office in 1973. CDFC, like the Crown Agents,

is loss-making, if on a lesser scale—£363,000 after tax in the year to March 31, £884,000 in 1976 and £1.1m the year before that. In the main this reflects provisions made against losses n the companies in which CDFC invested before the oil price increase of 1974.

The loss, however, is borne not so much by the British tax-payer as by the British share-holder at one remove. CDFC is an unlisted public company, 25 years old next year, and the shareholders are the Bank of England, about 150 British financial and industrial concerns and the central banks of

Commonwealth countries. Pearl, a former colonial civil servant, said that until recently the company had con-tented itself with taking minority stakes in promising companies in Commonwealth countries. By 1974, however, it had become clear that CDFC had "gone over the top" in investing in too many com-panies to too small an extent. When he came in there had been 24 "problem" companies out of 108, Pearl said. There were now four or five out of "less than 100".



Dennis Pearl of the Commonwealth Development Finance Company in London yesterday: fewer and bigger.

said, was for fewer but bigger and more diverse investments. A costly 40m Swiss franc loan (big enough to swamp any operating profit this year) is

being repaid ahead of maturity.

CDFC, Pearl says, is now poised to invest up to 16m a year in half a dozen or so projects. The company is ready to help a couple of British firms in Commonwealth projects and had been talking to an Indian industrial concern with European ambitions.

Lastly, CDFC's Australian subsidiary was about to acquire two related retail and financial concerns. This new departure was meant to attract Australian equity by presenting a more even earnings record than a development finance company could be expected to offer. Today Australia - tomorrow the world?

What costs twice as much as last year, is generally discarded within a few days and is completely non-essential although pletely non-essential although no Spaniard would be without

one?

It's El Gordo (the fat one),
Spain's annual Christmas lottery, which as usual has been
sold out long before the traditional December 22 drawing, even though the smallest share you can buy (one tenth of one number) costs more than a

Business is so bad in Spain this year that about the only way to make a killing is on the lottery, or so it would seem. Every man, woman and child in the country is expected to have invested an average of more than £6 in the Fat One.

Bigger than ever, the lottery still offers not only the world's biggest total payout—nearly £152m—it also offers what are probably the most generous top prizes of any lottery anywhere—25 of them, each worth more

than film.

A whole ticket costs a breath-taking £133, but the pay-off for the biggest winners is ten thou-sand to one and there are nearly 254,000 other cash prizes, just in case you miss the first one. The lottery pays back a generous 70 per cent of the total take and six out of 10 players win some kind of prize, even if it is only their money back. Last year tickets for El Gordo

cost half as much as this year

(the total payout was about one on to boots. It makes one out third less), but the lottery can of every three clamps sold three to be Spain's laggest, throughout the world, game of chance.

The earnings are tax-free and skis. It produces one out of tickets are as easy to cash as every five pairs of skis sold checks made out to the throughout the world. The earnings are tax tree and tickets are as easy to cash as checks made out to "the bearer". All Spain will stop work on Thursday to listen to the live radio and television broadcast of the drawing at the National Lottery Adminis-

Wyn Davies and Reg Eccles, late of James Capel, are the latest of the stockbroking analysts to strike out and set up

their own consultancy.
They are joining forces with
a third Capel alumnus, Andrew
Malim, who went solo some time ago to concentrate on the commodity funds he was already running. More and more broking firms go to outsiders now, rather than maintaining their own research departments. The consultancy Malim.

Davies and Eccles, will offer

research on commodities and the first client is Malim's own Davies and Eccles will continue to provide share research—their speciality is the international mining finance house sector—for Capel, Malun con-tinues to be Capel's metals

Earlier this year David Har-greaves and David Williamson left the mining side of brokers Laurence, Prust to set up their own outfit -Rayner-Harwilland continue to carry out min-ing share research for Laurence,

sports fratermity for the special clasps it makes to hold skis

Both these French firms have decided to branch out. Salomon

decided to branch out. Salomon is shortly to put ou trial its revolutionary ski boot which laces up behind.

Rossignel, after studying an American survey that showed 80 per ceut of skiers also play tennis, is to manufacture tennis.

Winter sports are big busi pess in France and the last few years have seen a tremendous growth in the "hundred day" tourist industry. This year French ski resorts will be try-ing to fill 650,000 beds for the

Three million Frenchmen. women and children plan to visit the snow covered hills this year for a slippery winter break and the signs are that they will be joined by 350,000 or more foreigners,

Working for electronics com-panies—or indeed for the United States Navy-can offer insights into unexpected quar-ters, according to Carl Herold, quoted in the American monthly Soaring. On behalf of his com-pany Herold spent a week in an American nuclear submarine patrolling the Pacific coast. He reported: "Applied electronics technology has made possible a tic in between the periscope and various television monitors throughout the vessel that permit the crew to share in highresolution surveillance
Salomon is known to the winter secluded bathing beaches." sort of Unofficial Secrets Act, eh?

### THE SCOTTISH INVESTMENT TRUST COMPANY LIMITED

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31 October TOTAL ASSETS NET ASSETS per stock unit 123.1p

GROSS INCOME ...

£113.7m £92.4m 102.2p £4:4m £3.8mDIVIDEND per stock unit 2.05p

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1976 figures have been adjusted to reflect the merger with The Second Scottish Investment Trust Company Limited.

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Half time

jump by

profits of 24 per cent to £1.9m

for the six months to Septem-

the news that, subject to un-

toward circumstances, the board

is confident that the growth and

progress of the group will be

Turnover leapt by 42 per cent to £19.1m, reflecting a fall in margine from 11.4 to 10 per

The group, which makes advanced technology fire-fighting and underwarer products, industrial safety and survival equipment and leasure and pro-

equipment and leasure and pro-tective wear, is raising its gross dividend from 2.9p to 3.3p.

Meanwhile, Mr Godfrey
D'Arcy Biss, chairman, reports
that growth in both sales and
profits continues. The results
include six months' contribu-tion from Steepleglade, which
the group bought last year for
a consideration of about £1.1m.
Steepleglade makes and distributes Inega men's and youngen's

In the menotime. Steeoleglade

is on target and the traditionally important second half is expected to manifest further profit and progress.

profit and progress.

In the previous full year to. April 2 the group achieved its thirteenth successive rise in precax profits with a rise of 42 percent to £4.05m. This was on a turnover up by 38 per cent to £36.3m, showing a rise in margins from 10.8 to 11.15 per cent.

Stringent control of all expenditure and ourgoings throughout the group beloed it to main-

tain its competitive edge in the prevailing difficult trading conditions and the second haif brought in a 64 per cent rise in profits to £2.5m.

man, in his annual statement, said that the group's position had strengthened considerably during the past year and the board expressed confidence that

the business would continue to prosper and to expand success-fully from the solid foundation upon which it stood.

The group's shares remained unchanged at 172p, which was in line with a listless equity

The new company combines the operations of Universal Livestock Services and of the

former Farmkey Organization which was owned 75 per cent by Elswick-Hopper, the United Kingdom agricultural holding

BP in joint venture

with Elswick-Hopper

BP Nutrition, a subsidiary of vices in the United Kingdom British Petroleum, has taken a and to overseas markets, including the export of pedigree lives specializing in British agricultural and livestock expertise freeze-branding, management and farm-labour services and

Kingdom agricultural holding company.

Owned 60 per cent by BP Nutrition, 25 per cent by Elswick-Hopper and 15 per cent by Nutrition group whose associated companies, established throughout Europe, form one of Universal Livestock Services, the Continent's leading spetche new company's activities will continue to be based at Banbury, Oxfordshire.

The joint venture will specialize in the supply of a new company, and Mr M. H. wide range of agricultural services.

The continuing trade up trend from black and white to colour television has given Granada, the TV-to-cinemas group headed by Lord Bernstein, a sparking

profits picture.

In the year to October 1 the group turned in a bumper £25. In pre-tax, an increase of

E/m on the previous year's profits. Turnover rose by a

The television rentals side of

the business continues to be the

high-flyer. Although its profit contribution has been transped

from 62 per cent to 61 per cent of the total, in financial terms the division chipped in with a

total of £15.3m compared with a

revious £11.1m. There has been a volume in-

crease in the industry, Mr Christopher Stanton, director, reports, with much of this

coming from customers upgrad-ing from mone to colour sets. The Special Services Division,

which installs televisions in hotels, also increased its con-trabution.

The cost of integrating Spectra into the group and

By Ray Maughan

If the market has expressed
doubts about the current order-

Mr Joseph. Palmer, thairman, reports that the new financial year has begun "quietly with a satisfactory workload and a stable order level" in the accounts for the year to end. September last. That suggests that the improved activity which helped pre-tax profits rise from £7m to £8.41m is being maintained but, although the board hopes to carve out.

the board hopes to carve out a larger thare of the market through improved efficiency, further growth rests in the lap of a world-wide industrial

At the same time, there is a notential 2500,000 of loss

number project contracting.
These services have been developed and marketed by Universal Livestock Services and Farnkey since 1971 and 1975

respectively.
The new Farmkey will form

Fenner advance likely

if US losses halted

quarter to £212m. . .

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Stock markets

# Bright session for Distillers

against the dollar, the better inflation trend and hopes of cheaper money before the year is out gave a lift to the gilt-market, edged market which had little Strong competition from dull and lifeless equities.

The recent clutch of more encouraging economic indicators attracted a good if unspectacular demand which lifted longer maturities by between five eighths and half a point. The range of gains for shorter dates was three eighths to one half with the municipal workers' acceptance of a 10 per cent pay rise giving an additional boost

But there was a sorry tale in equities where the number of bargains marked continued at the depressingly low level experienced on Thursday and

Up 6p last week and another 11p to 140p vesterday wholesale provision merchant Joseph Stocks has seen good support in recent days. With 10 record years behind it the group has obvious attractions but there is some talk of a stake being built. A potential bidder would ave to contend with a strong oard holding.

Friday of last week. The FT Index was about a point and a half up for a good part of the session but finally drifted to a close of 469.8, a net loss of 2.1.

Most dealers now accept the fact that they will see little action before the holiday break and looking farther ahead some fear the index could drop another 30 or 40 points before it attracts any sustained sup-port. Gilt-edged dealers were saying last night that given the ort. Glit-edged dealers were sying last night that given the region last night that given the lixed-interest market's present trength the new long "tap" Slebe Gorman (1) 19.1(210.1) 0.30s(0.25) onld be sold in one go when comes on offer on Thursday.

Suggestions of forthcoming Suggestions of forthcoming of the sold earnings are net. a—Loss. b—Cents. strength the new long "tap" could be sold in one go when it comes on offer on Thursday.

takeover in the industry brought a spark of life to distillery shares which were by far the brightest sector of the

Strong gains were scored by Arthur Bell, up 20p to 216p, Tomatin 9p to 98p, Invergordon 5p to 94p and Righland 5p to 124p. Breweries, on the other hand, were in a subdued mood on the prospect of less frequent price increases. Matthew Brown lost 2p to 100p, Guinness held steady at 100p, and Bass Charrington dipped 2p to 152p after the annual report. A firm exception was Vaux which gained 4p for a close of

Another drinks share Grand Metropolitan also benefited from some investment comment with a rise of 31p to 98p but Distillers dipped a penny to 168p on the dual pricing con-flict with the EEC.

The bakery workers overtime ban hit Spillers the hardest with the shares dropping 2 p to 30p. Others suffered a more muted impact with RHM easing half a point to 46p and AB Foods a permy off at 66p.

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Granada Grp (F)
KCA Int (I)
Johnson-Echrd (I)

Ldn Inter (F)

gilt-edged market inspired the other bright section in equities. strongly all day with Union up 17p to 467p, Gillett Brothers 9p to 245p, Alexanders 9p to 264p, ZCater Ryder Sp to 303p and Gertard & Notional Sp to 184p. Jobber Akroyd & Smithers, a gilts specialist, firmed a couple of pence for a close of 218p.

Elsewhere in financials Lloyds & Scottish edged ahead to 107p in front of figures which are Property shares met with some selective demand in the

hope of lower interest rates. Among the best supported were Municipal 51p better at 1551p Bradford, up 4p to 206p, Churchbury, which gained 5p to 243p, and Trafford Park, which ended four points ahead at 96p. Among the industrial leaders Glavo firmed 3p to 575p, Unilever gained two points to 552p and BOC held steady at 79p in front of figures. Both Wilkinson Match, up 14p to 205p, and Early & Marriott, 7p to 32p were shead on de.

Exploration continued to slip on fading bid hopes with the shares another 8p off at 290p. Equity turnover on December 16 was £49.60m (8,438 bar gains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were Grand Metropoli-

make an amouncement by the end of the week on the bid talks that have been going on since November and have carthe fact that there are three or four suitors, but an offer worth around 180p per share looks likely now from either a Dutch company, Leonard Pairclough, F. J. C. Lilley or Consolidated Gold Fields.

tan, BP, Beecham, Royal, Johnson Firth Brown, Talbez, Shell, P & O, Barclays Bank, National Westminster, Allied Breweries, Oil Exploration, Breweries, Oil Exploration, Spillers, Caravans International, Arthur Bell, Highland Distillers and Stewart Plastics.

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7p to 32p, went ahead on de-mand which stemmed from

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# red by Shaw Carpets:

Down went profits and down went shares at Yorkshire-based

Following a poor second half isst year, the group turned a previous profit of £258,000 into a loss of £304,000 in the six months to October 28 last. However, sales climbed 12 per cent in the period from £10.1m to the period from £10.1m to

But not even a confident forecast for the second half could save the share price, which fell 4p yesterday to close

at 21p.
Much of the loss occurred in the first four months of the accounting period and the upturn, obvious in the last two months, has continued. The group is now trading profitably but the chairman, Mr James. Hartley, was giving nothing away as to the likely outcome at the year end. Providing trading continues at current levels. Shaw could finish with a small

Action taken by the group earlier this year has already begun to pay off. About 90 were puade redundant in the spring the higher sales are being obtained on the back of lower

And Mr Joe Scott, finance director, is confident that the productivity deals made with the remaining workforce should enable the group to move against the trend in the indus-try and achieve better results. Production is currently running at full labour capacity.

Margins on the printed tufted carpets have been whittled down to a threadbara level by near 100 per cent over-capacity in the industry but the news is better on the plain tufted and Millitron sides.

Shaw is currently unique in

Shaw is currently unique in operating this dye injection pat-terning plant which is designed to compete with woven pro-ducts at a lower price and this side is increasing its contribu-

# £1m dive into. Veba to double chemical stake in deal with Bayer over Huels

Bonn, Dec 19 Veba AG, the West German group, today announced plans that will substantially increase that will substantially increase its chemical interests. It will double its stake in Chemische Werke Ruels to 83.7 per cent by buying the holdings in the company at present directly and indirectly owned by Bayer AC.

employed just over 14,000 at the end of 1976. own 43.65 per cent

AG, a Frankfurt-based holding company whose sole asset is a 50 per cent stake in Huels.

In today's announcement, Vebs said specifically that it would not make an offer to the free shareholders in Chamie-

by buying the holdings in the company at present directly and indirectly owned by Bayer AG.

Chemische Werke Huels is a producer of basic chemicals. Its turnover last year totalled in two stages. Bayer's holding in CV, which has a nominal remployed just over 14,000 at the end of 1976.

At present both Veba and At present both Veba and Sayer's own 43.65 per cant of Of DM96m will be transferred. Huels' DM360m capital. Each on the last day of 1979.

veba dechned to state what price it will pay for Bayer's holding in Huels. Today's market price of CV put a theoretical value on the deal of just over DM386m.

A Veba's executive said that Huels and Veba-Chemica, the Veba group's oil refining and chemical company, will remain independent.

independent.
But Veba-Chemie, siready provides 70 per cent of Huel's raw material require-ments, will become an even more important supplier of the

The deal with Beyer still

requires the approved of the Cartel office in Berlin. But the this will be forthcoming.

### Caravans International up 80 pc jump for Gresham 80 pc with more to come **Investment Trust**

Profits before tax of Gresham Investment Trust were up 80 per cent at £453,000 for the six months to September 30 compared with £252,000 for the for the first six months of the current year will be better than corresponding balf. Tax took £166,000 (£95,000) leaving profit after tax of £287,000 against £157,000. the £967,000 brought in during the same 1976-77 half. The whole of the year to August 31 saw pre-tax profits jump nearly 80 per cent to £3.7m, including associated company profits of £183,000 against £29,000.

The board expects that pre-tax profit for the second balf year will be not less than that for the first half. An interim dividend of 0.71339p a share has been declared compared with 0.63871p. £716,000 from intangible assets Profit before tax does not include the earnings of com-On attributable profits of £2.4m against £595,000, the dividend is raised from 5.3p to 6.99p

panies where the group's interest exceeds 20 per cent. These companies are not "associated" but if their attributable profits (in excess of the dividends received from them, had been consolidated. them) had been consolidated, profit before tax would have increased from £453,000 to £582,000. Net asset value as a September 30 last was 61p a share.

that the first-half results do not give a fair indication of trading for the year as a whole. Work in progress at the After a bumper year Carayans International shows no sign of stopping. The board is confident that the results end of the six months for delivery in the second half was exceptionally high, and net profits for the full year should be at least equal to the E609,000 made for the whole of 1976-77. Turnover is expected to exceed £10m.

A Monk forecasts The board has decided to write-off against unappropri-ated profits brought forward, full-time £3.5m

After a rise in pre-tax profits for the six month to August 31 from £519,000 to £967,000, the board of A. Monk forecase that the group's United, Kingdom profits for the full year will not be less than £3.5m. Opening drop but Gen

Several major contracts have been obtained in recent weeks and the volume of work in hand is reasonable in existing economic circumstances. All carriageways and service roads included in the Ikorodu and

Possible way out for Amal Ind minority

board has requested a temporobsard has requested a tempor-ary suspension of the group's share listing, pending a pro-posed capital reorganization which will be effected by way of a scheme of arrangemen under section 206 of the Com panies Act 1948.

At present nearly 81 per cent of the group's equity is con-trolled by the A. T. Smith Or-ganization and it is expected that the arrangements may in-clude a cash offer in respect of

\$180m loan to Sao

RHONE POULENC RE-SHAPING Rhone-Poulenc, major French textile and chemical group, exing of money-losing textile displan-today. Societe Rhobe-Poulenc Textile reported losses of 730m francs in 1975, and 575m in 1976, with loss of some 700m francs likely this year.

HARRISONS MALAYSIAN

**Barclays Int plans expansion** arrangement as soop as possible. He is absolutely confident that group will be able to meet the div forecast in merger documents. EXTRISE CAR AUCTION

phones would be commonsense at an appropriate time. But there is no reeson why a sale should start to be talked about

Group to purchase Bill McAlistair Group, which sells and rents caravans, for £250,000; and Coin Machines Seles, for £200,000. BDINGUIGH & DUNDEE

British Bail Pension Funds has received acceptances amounting to 76.1 per cent and offer remains open until further notice.

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January 5.

DUBILIER CONFIDENT Board expects progress to be maintained inrough confinued internal growth following group policy of extending the range of passive components for a broad range, of electronic applications, and have started current year with optimism and confidence.

### Granada in sparkling tune on back of buoyant TV rentals Net advertising revenue in

the period was a record with Granada Television contributing £6.3m to profits this time, against £4.5m. Better films helped the Gran-ada cinemas. For the first time in over 20 years this side increased its profit on the back of increasing cinema attend-ances. Admissions were 6 per cent up on last time and the rend is continuing. The motor-

way services side also showed a stepped-up performance. However currency adjust-ments and a £300,000 loss on the sale of a subsidiary did knock below-the-line profits.

Interest charges increased marginally to just over fom. However net borrowings fell However net borrowings fell over the last few months of the accounting period finishing the year at £41.2m, against a previ-ous £56.8m.

The balance sheet looking stronger with gross cash flow up by almost a third tion emounted to £1.61m, an increase over the previous year's £1.2m but there is unlikely to be any further deducand net assets a share climbing from a previous 72p to 79p. The "A" shares closed un-changed yesterday at 90p.

# International

rationalizing the rentals opera-

fortunately are grouped against the mainstream United King-dom tax liability—and full

expects a breakeven in the United States by the end of

the current financial year. But a vigorous start has been made in escaping the straightjacket of

mining equipment market. So, while an early decision on the shape of the United States

energy programme will be regarded as a bonus rather than

a major source of profits

recovery, the product range has been extended to beltings for the food and grain handling

industries. Given success here, the board will use the Connecti-

cut base as a springboard for acquisitions in that large, if

highly competitive, market.

Standard sale

before 1980s

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1980 or 1981.

the moribund United

### **BASF** will spend more in 1978

doubts about the current ordering pattern at J. H. Fenner, dom tax liability—and full the power transmission equipment and conveyor belting manufacturer, a useful degree room for a £600,000 trading of profits growth could be on profit the cards, albeit through loss. The indicated £1.2m turn-elimination, if the group can stem its United States losses.

'Mr Joseph Palmer, chairman, expects a breakeven in the reports that the new financial United States by the end of The German-based BASF Group of chemical companies will increase its capital expendi-ture to DM1,800m (about £439m) next year. It spent DM1,700m in 1977.

business, the company has decided on the appreciable in-crease in capital spending to strengthen the group's poten-tial The programme is dependent on there being no further deterioration in earnings. Of the projected investments, the group's German companies will account for 72 per cent: BASF AG for DM950,000m and its affiliates in Germany for DM380m. European group mem-bers, ourside Germany, will spend DM260m and those out-side Europe also DM260m. A major share of the capital exmajor spare of the capital ex-penditure programme has been silocated to the basic chemicals division, including DM128m for one of its most important pro-jects, a steam cracker being built in Ludwigshafen to assure

the production complex and independent supply of petro-chemical feedstock. Chrysler France dips

International Telephone & Telegraph may sell publicly part of its British subsidiary Standard Telephones & Cables. Although at present it has no definite plans to do so. A spokesman suid a sale is "on the cards" but unlikely before 1980 or 1981 Operating profit of Chrysler France SA in 1977 will be sharply down from 1976. Net profit last year was 214.6m france (about £23.5m) after a 110.6m francs loss in 1975.

This year's downturn is due to the transcribility of fully year. to the impossibility of fully re-couping higher cost in higher The company would need four or five years of growing profits before being launched on the market, be added. Stanprices and to costs connected with the introduction of the new Horizon model range.

on the market, be added. Stan-dard Telephones had been affected by the general econo-mic depression and cuts in British post office orders. After the sale of part of the equity of ITI's German subsi-diary Standard Elektrik Lorens the ITI board agreed that a sale of part of Standard Tele-phones would be commonsense Olivetti Eurocredit Olivetti International SA, the financial holding company for Olivetti & Company, SPA, the business machine manufacturer. through an international bank consortium led by Commerz-bank AG. Maturity is five years, no interest terms were released. The credit is intended to help finance the conceru's short-term debt, Commerzbank

Fujwady faces loss

Fujwady, the Japanese photo-Fujwady, the Japanese photographic concern, expects net profit to fall by 36 per cent in the current year ending October 20 to 9,000m yen (about £19.4m) from 14,000m yen last year because of the yen's appreciation. Sales are expected to rise 5 per cent to 230,000m yau, 265,800m last year. The group will have an exchange loss of 5,000m to 6,000m yen during the Current year as most of its excurrent year as most of its ex-ports are settled in United States dollars.

### W Duncan & Goodricke The board of Walter Duncan & Goodricke says that a further Banbury Tea Warehouses are

reduction in the group's secretarial income has been more than offset by improvements in the profits of the warehousing adjusted on a time-appointment basis 30. Income from investments also been a general reduction in interest rates incurred

the nine months to September They show 2 rise in pre-tax increased and there has profits from £394,000 to £420,000

on turnover of £6.5m against

RAND MINES, LIMITED (Incorporated in the Republic of South Ainca) Member of the Barlow Rand Group DIVIDEND DECLARATION -

Byvooruitzicht Gold Mining Company, Limited

Notice is hereby given that dividend No. 64 of 30 cents per share has been declared in South Airican currency payable to members registered in the books of the company at the close of business on 30th December, 1877. The register of members will be closed from 31st December, 1877. to 8th January, 1878.

The rate of exchange at which the dividend will be convected into United Kingdom currency for payment of the dividend from the office of the London Secretaries will be the telegraphic transfer-rate of exchange between Johannesburg and London ruling on the first business day after 31st Where applicable non-resident shareholders have of 15% will be deducted from the dividend.

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# airport roads reconstruction contract in Nigeria were opened to traffic within the contract

months to September 30 from £30,000 to £15,000, General Engineering (Radcliffe) says period and remaining minor works are nearing completion.

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Paulo of Brazil

Two large medium-term loan were announced vesterday by Chase Manhattan. One is a 20-year loan for \$180m to Tele-comunicacoes de Sao Paulo, Brazil's largest relephone group, which was oversubscribed and raised from its original \$130m. carrying a coupon of between 2 The other is a ten-year \$125m.
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national also announced two loans, one of \$75m to Sonatrach

the Algerian sas and oil com-pany, guaranteed by ECGD, and the other of \$45m for a

Looking back over the record-year of Barclays Bank Interna-tional, Mr Anthony Tuke, chair-man, notes how much has been achieved by the group's steady expansion. The past ducade has been one of great change and both the source of profits and distribution of assets are now markedly differ-ent. Briefly Mr Tuke has no doubt that

this rate of change will connext five years he says that the group is planning further expansion in parts of the world where the board considers that the best risk/return ratio is to BUTCHISON WHAMPOA

Supreme Court has approved. Hongkong's higgest company merger to date, between Hutchison international and Hongkong & Whampos Dock to form Hutchison Whampos. Merged company will have net asset base of SHK1,604.7m but this rises to \$2,745.7m with revaluation of some assets.

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ESTATES Chairman, told annual meeting the company is still awaiting consents from Malaysia but intends to make a statement on

Business appointments

# **Executive changes at Imperial Group**

in March. Mr R. O. Steel is resigning as a director of Imperial Group and of Courage in March, and will be succeeded as chairman of the brewery division by Mr. G. C. Kent, chairman and managing director of John Player & Sons. When Mr Kent takes up his new duties Mr R. A. Garrett, chairman of Imperial Tobacco, will also become chairman of John Player & Sons and Mr K. G. Robertson, assistant managing director of John Player & ons., will become its managing director. Mr Richard Carden has been made chief executive vice-president of Barclays Bank International, New York, from January 1. He succeeds Mr Louis Morel, who will continue to serve, in a non-

Membership of the committee of the Lloyd's Aviation Underwriters' Association for 1978 is as follows:

Mr. R. R. B. Chairman; Mr. E. O. Walklin, depuny chairman; Mr. E. O. Walklin, depuny chairman; Mr. E. O. Walklin, depuny chairman; Mr. G. Loquiter.

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Mr. F. A. Russell has been made chairman of Dlamond Shamrock Europe from January 1. Deputy in Mr. G. H. J. Robinson is to stand down as chairman of Gillette Industries, at the end of this month.

Mr. B. Cheales, managing director of Hogarth Shipping and H. Hogarth Shipping and H. Hogarth and Sons on December 31.

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Mr. B. Cheales, managing director of Hogarth Shipping is to become additionally chairman in Mr. H. G. D. Mr. Macleod, will retire from the boards of Hogarth Shipping and H. Hogarth and Sons on December 31.

Mr. J. A. C. Greenwood has been made a director of Barclays Insur-

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Lloyd's.
Mr. J. M. Mackinson is the new.

Mr M. A. Anson, assistant executive and advisory capacity, managing director of Imperial Tobacco, will become deputy chief executive of Imperial Group from January 1 and on that date will leave the board of Imperial Tobacco. Mr A. M. Reid, commercial director of Imperial Tobacco, will also become assistant company from January 1 and will look the board of Imperial Group in March. Mr R. O. Sheel is resigning as a director of Imperial Group in March. Mr R. O. Sheel is resigning as a director of Imperial Group in March. Mr R. O. Sheel is resigning as a director of Imperial Group in March. Mr R. O. Sheel is resigning as a director of Imperial Group in March. Mr R. O. Sheel is resigning as a director of Imperial Group in March. Mr R. O. Sheel is resigning as a director of Imperial Group in March. Mr R. O. Sheel is resigning as a director of Imperial Group in March. Mr R. O. Sheel is resigning as a director of Imperial Group in March. Mr R. O. Sheel is resigning as a director of Imperial Group in March. Mr R. O. Sheel is resigning as a director of Imperial Group in March. Mr R. O. Sheel is resigning as a director of Imperial Group in March. Mr R. O. Sheel is resigning as a director of Imperial Group in March. Mr R. O. Sheel is resigning as a director of Imperial Group in March. Mr R. O. Sheel is resigning as a director of Imperial Group in March. Mr R. O. Sheel is resigning as a director of Imperial Group in March. Mr R. O. Sheel is resigning as a director of Imperial Group in March. Mr R. O. Sheel is resigning as a director of Imperial Group in March. Mr R. O. Sheel is resigning as a director of Imperial Group in March. Mr R. O. Sheel is resigning as a director of Imperial Group in Mr J. Mr R. O. Sheel is resigning in Mr J. N. Dufort. Mr Dufort is to resign from the board of Stone clays Group of Barchays Bank of Bar

Malaysian timber The Malaysian Timber Indus-try Board has asked its government to protest against a pos-sible increase in the Australian tariff on Malaysian moulding imports. The board's director-general said that Australian manufacturers are asking that the tariff be raised to 50 per cent from 22.5 per cent. Mr Abdul Rarak Majik said that any higher import tariffs will seriously affect our exports to Australia".

O. Gibb; deputy chairman of Mr J. A. C. Greenwood has been made a director of Barclays Insurchairman of Ernest Scragg & Insurance Services and of Barclays chairman of Ernest Scragg & Insurance Brokers International from January 1. the World's largest manufacturer of Industrial Suction Cleaners

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New records were established during the year

Receipts from investors £859m New investment accounts 325,000 Mortgage lending £377m
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### Foreign Exchange

Identifiable factors suggested that there ought to have been The doller's decline against major European curpencies was sharply extended on foreign exchanges yestendey. Sterling climbed from \$1.859 to \$1.8785, having been enactly two cents higher at one stage. This is the pound's best level since April last year. The effective exchange rate index rose 0.4 to 64.1, the highest closing position since November 2. With a number of banks having stready squared first books shead of the year end, the market was very first immoghout, producing emaggerated movements in rates. Even so, desters reported some streads commercial boying orders for sterling during fite day. The Bank of England was not intervening in the market, dealers said. Continentals also rose thorply against New York.

Gold was unchanged at \$160.375 at the Loudon close. a pretty flat situation in the money markets yesterday. How-ever, money must have been stuck somewhere in the pipeline, for the authorides found it necessary to give help on a moderate scale. This was channelled via the purchase of a moderate number of Treasury bills directly from the houses and the two houses overnight at MLR (7 per cent).

In a thin market, rates were initially in the 62-3 per cent area and later these eased to 63-3 per cent. They cheapened a little further after hunch, and following the intervention of the authorities, some houses were able to rule off at 6 per cent. The final picture however, was rather patchy, so that the close came over a band of 6 to 7 per cent. Though the help appeared to have been overdone, interbenk rates subsequently shot up as high as 20 per cent.

Spot Position

of Sterling

Forward Levels

Malaysia exchange Malaysia exchange

Kunla Lumpur, Dec 19.—
Malaysia's proposed multi-commodity exchange is expected to begin operations with palm oil trading by the end of 1978 or the beginning of 1979, Lew Sip Hon, Deputy Minister of Primary Industries, said. The exchange will eventually trade in rubber, tin, and perhaps dimber and pepper, as well as pain oil, he added.

**Money Market** 

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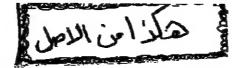
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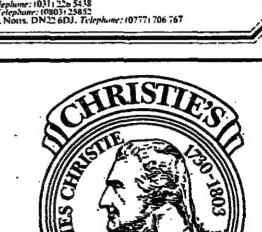
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